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UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
BUREAU OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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TO: Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D. C.

DATE: August 14, 1957

FILE: DISO:SJM:al

NAME TAYLOR, James Davidson	DATE OF BIRTH February 26, 1907
POSITION, ORGANIZATION, AND LOCATION Executive Reservist U. S. Information Agency Washington, D. C.	

The disposition made of this case in which your Bureau conducted investigation is indicated below:

A. ☒ APPLICANT ☐ EMPLOYEE

B. AGENCY FINAL ACTION

* ☒ Favorable determination

☐ Removed or not appointed as a result of security determination under:

☐ E. O. 10450

☐ CSC procedures

☐ Removed or not appointed as a result of suitability determination.

☐ Resigned before determination was completed:

☐ After charges were preferred or after being advised that charges were to be preferred.

☐ Other

☐ Separated (other than by resignation) or dropped from consideration before determination was completed.

C. AUTHORITY FOR INVESTIGATION

☐ E. O. 10450

☐ P. L. 920

☐ E. O. 9835

☐ E. O. 10422 or 10459

☐ P. L. 298

☒ Other FBI not shown

*Subject not under consideration for regular Agency employment, but will be a member of a reserve to be called upon in the event of national emergency.

CHIEF, INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

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Date: August 9, 1950

AIR MAIL, SPECIAL DELIVERY

To: SAC, New York

From: J. Edgar Hoover, Director

Subject: JAMES DAVIDSON TAYLOR, aka Davidson Taylor
 SPECIAL INQUIRY - STATE DEPARTMENT
 Public Law 402, 80th Congress
 (Voices of America)

You are requested to conduct an investigation of the above named individual. The instructions contained in Section 103, Volume 3 of the Manual of Instructions and Chapter 78, Part 3 of the FBI Handbook should be observed in connection with this investigation. This case is to be assigned immediately and reports of the complete investigation must be submitted Air Mail, Special Delivery, where proper, by August 23, 1950.

Address: 345 E. 57th Street, New York 22, New York

Birth date: February 26, 1907

Birthplace: Shelbyville, Tennessee

NEW YORK

The following instructions are to be carefully followed concerning applicant's employment at CBS and in connection with references affiliated with CBS:

A mature, experienced, well qualified Special Agent is to contact the personnel office at CBS for the purpose of mere verification of Taylor's employment with CBS. No one in the personnel office at CBS is to be questioned for any other purpose other than the mere verification of Taylor's employment with CBS.

A well qualified, mature, experienced Special Agent should interview, besides other references listed, Mr. L. W. Lowman, a vice-President at CBS and Mr. Arthur Judson, reported to be an affiliate of CBS, and a past president of CBS. All references are to be advised that they have been named as references by Taylor, who is being investigated by this Bureau under the provisions of Public Law 402, 80th Congress, inasmuch as he has applied for a position with the Voice of America section of the State Department. The references should merely be asked if they

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desire to volunteer any comments concerning Taylor. The references should not be questioned beyond this. Prior to your interview with Arthur Judson you should refer to your letter to the Bureau of October 9, 1944 captioned

[redacted]

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You should, of course, carefully check your indices relative to all references listed by Taylor, prior to interviewing them.

Refer to page 18 of the report of SA John F. Malley dated April 12, 1949 at New York in case captioned, "Lyra Mills Jordan, Espionage-R". The name Davidson Taylor, PL 3-8122 is listed as having appeared in the address book of Lyra Mills Jordan. (100-182607-34)

Refer to Pittsburgh letter to the Bureau of October 18, 1949 captioned [redacted] a copy of which was designated for your office. [redacted]

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Prior to interview with Max Wylie, specifically refer to page 15 of the report of SA L. O. Prior dated December 10, 1941 at New York in case captioned, "League of American Writers, Internal Security". Page 15 lists a Max Wylie as one of many contributors to material published in a book entitled "Fighting Words", edited by Donald Ogden Stewart. (100-7322-23)

Do not contact the United Nations in New York City to verify applicant's employment with UNESCO until advice is received from the Bureau.

WASHINGTON FIELD

Check State Department, CSC and HCUA files, Passport records, CIA and G-2.

Include in your report a statement that the Bureau advised you that a search of the central files of the FBI has been made and no information of a derogatory nature concerning loyalty which could be identified with applicant was found.

LOS ANGELES

Refer to Los Angeles letter to the Bureau dated July 15, 1949 captioned "Hollywood Writers Mobilization, Internal Security-C", your file 100-12416. This letter transmitted photographs of the minutes of meetings of the Hollywood Writers Mobilization held in 1944 and 1945. The minutes of a meeting of the Executive Council of the Hollywood Writers Mobilization on March 23, 1946 reflect that Abe Polonsky reported on a conference he had had with Davidson Taylor, program director of CBS, on the Atomic Bomb Series. Polonsky reported that Mr. Taylor expressed great interest in the series and promised to attempt to obtain time for the program when he returned to New York. Mr. Taylor requested that the series be outlined in a letter to him.

Davidson Taylor is also mentioned in the minutes of meetings held on April 18, 1946 and July 17, 1946. You should carefully check your indices for information concerning Taylor's connection with the Hollywood Writers Mobilization.

ALL OFFICES

This case should be assigned to experienced, mature Special Agents. You should be most circumspect in your contacts with representatives of newspapers and radio stations.

ENCLOSURES

cc-Knoxville, Encl., AMSD
New Orleans, Encl., AMSD
Louisville, Encl., AMSD
Miami, Encl., AMSD
Washington Field, Encl., SM
Los Angeles, Encl., AMSD

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION DATA

VOICE OF AMERICA

THIS FORM TO BE USED FOR INCUMBENT EMPLOYEES AND APPLICANTS FOR EMPLOYMENT WHERE INVESTIGATION IS TO BE CONDUCTED BY THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION AS REQUIRED IN SEC. 1001, PUBLIC LAW 402, 80th CONGRESS

1. FULL NAME (initials and abridgements of full name are not acceptable) MR (First) James (Middle) Davidson (Maiden, if any) (Last) Taylor
(first name not used since childhood except for government and legal purposes)

2. PLACE OF BIRTH Shelbyville, Tenn. DATE OF BIRTH 26 Feb. 1907

3. CITIZEN: ☒ YES ☐ NO IF NATURALIZED: DATE OF NATURALIZATION: PLACE OF NATURALIZATION:

4. EDUCATION (Circle highest grade completed): 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 (12)
MARK (X) THE APPROPRIATE BOX TO INDICATE SATISFACTORY COMPLETION OF:
☐ ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ☐ JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL ☒ SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL
(A) GIVE NAME AND LOCATION OF LAST HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDED
Brookhaven, Mississippi
(B) SUBJECTS STUDIED IN HIGH SCHOOL WHICH APPLY TO POSITION DESIRED

(c) NAME AND LOCATION OF COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY	MAJOR AND SPECIALTY	DATES ATTENDED		YEARS COMPLETED		DEGREES CONFERRED		SEMESTER HOURS CREDIT
		FROM	TO	DAY	NIGHT	TITLE	DATE	
Miss. College, Clinton, Miss.	Eng.	1923	1927	4		BA	1927	app. 130
Sou. Bap. Theolog. Sem., Louisville, Ky.	Greek	1927	1930	3		ThM	1930	

5. COMPLETE EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

DATES	TITLE OF POSITION	EMPLOYER	ADDRESS OF EMPLOYER
1933-50	Annrcr. to V. P.	CBS (except for World War II)	485 Madison Ave. NY
1944-45	Chief radio PWD-SHAFF; Chief FTM Control ICD-USFET	PWD-SHAFF; ICD-USFET	ETO
1929-33	Annrcr. etc.	WHAS	Courier-Journal, Lou. Times, Louisville, KY.
to 1929	Part time jobs	Farm hand, store clerk, etc.	Mississippi
Unemployed since January 1 1950	except for unpaid consultant job with US delegation to 5th General Conference of UNESCO in Florence, Italy, May-June 1950		

6. DATES AND PLACES OF RESIDENCE FOR LAST 10 YEARS

DATE	STREET	CITY	STATE OR COUNTRY
1937-44	345 E. 57	NY 22 NY	
1944-45	Billets with PWD-SHAFF, ICD-USFET, London, Paris, Bad Homburg		
1945-50	345 E. 57	NY 22 NY	
Apr. 1950-Aug. 1950	Villa Savonarola, Pian de' Giullari, Florence, Italy		
	then back to 345 E. 57 NY 22 NY		

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7. REFERENCES: LIST FIVE PERSONS LIVING IN THE UNITED STATES OR TERRITORIES OF THE UNITED STATES WHO ARE NOT RELATED TO YOU AND WHO HAVE DEFINITE KNOWLEDGE OF YOUR QUALIFICATIONS AND FITNESS FOR THE POSITION FOR WHICH YOU ARE APPLYING. DO NOT REPEAT NAMES OF SUPERVISORS.

FULL NAME	PRESENT BUSINESS OR HOME ADDRESS (Give complete current address, including street and number)	BUSINESS OR OCCUPATION
Charles Honce	AP, Rockefeller Plaza, NYC	news exec.
L. W. Lowman	CBS, 485 Madison Ave, NYC	radio exec.
Max Wylie	55 E. 86, NYC	adv. exec.
Arthur Judson	113 W. 57 NYC	music. exec.
Mrs. S. K. Underwood	115 E. 38 NYC	writer

8. IMMEDIATE RELATIVES

NAME	RELATION	ADDRESS
Mary Elizabeth Plummer Taylor	wife	with me
Dr. J. A. Taylor	father	Brookhaven, Miss.
Dr. G. F. Taylor	brother	Tulane U., N. O., La.
J. A. Taylor	brother	4102 Tacon St. Tampa, Fla.

9. ORGANIZATIONS WITH WHICH AFFILIATED. OTHER THAN RELIGIOUS OR POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS OR THOSE WHICH SHOW RELIGIOUS OR POLITICAL AFFILIATIONS. The Century Association, New York City. Dutch Treat Club, New York City.

10. (A) WERE YOU EVER IN THE UNITED STATES MILITARY OR NAVAL SERVICE? (B) IS THE WORD "HONORABLE" OR THE WORD "SATISFACTORY" USED IN YOUR DISCHARGE OR SEPARATION PAPERS TO SHOW THE TYPE OF YOUR DISCHARGE OR SEPARATION? (C) WAS SERVICE PERFORMED ON AN ACTIVE FULL-TIME BASIS, WITH FULL MILITARY PAY AND ALLOWANCES?	YES	NO.
		X
(D) DATE OF ENTRY OR ENTRIES INTO SERVICE		DATE OF SEPARATION OR SEPARATIONS
BRANCH OF SERVICE (Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, etc.)		SERIAL NO. (if none, give grade or rating at time of separation). <u>Assim. Col. AGO 247660</u>

11. LIST IN DETAIL ANY PRESENT OR FORMER FOREIGN CONNECTIONS:

none

12. RELATIVES NOW RESIDING IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES

NAME	ADDRESS
Wife and child now with me in Italy	

5 July 1950

DATE

James Davidson Taylor
SIGNATURE

Subj: Jarvis, James
 Address: 1212 Madison
 Birthdate: _____ SUPV: _____

Misc: _____
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<u>✓ 94-4-725-169</u>	<u>✓</u>
<u>James</u>	
<u>✓ 25-162909</u>	
<u>James</u>	
<u>✓ 62-20730</u>	
<u>✓ 62-20742</u>	
<u>✓ 25-38365</u>	
<u>✓ 25-57381</u>	
<u>✓ 25-48067</u>	
<u>✓ 100-328136</u>	
<u>✓ 25-300213</u>	
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<u>✓ 25-85791</u>	
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Subj: Taylor, James

Address: _____

Birthdate: _____ SUPV: _____

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NR 47-28369	
NR 87-1891	
NR 46-15713	
NR 15-16796	
NR 42-11019	
NR 79-21843	
NR 41-1905	

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Address: _____

Birthdate: _____ SUPV: _____

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~~100-345101-18, p32,~~
~~100-102217-70,~~
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cc: Mr. Ladd
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Callan
Mr. Newby

SAC, Washington Field

September 5, 1950

Director, FBI

JAMES DAVIDSON TAYLOR aka
Davidson Taylor
SPECIAL INQUIRY - STATE DEPARTMENT
Public Law 402, 80th Congress
VOICE OF AMERICA

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Reurlet August 31, 1950.

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In view of the definite assertions by [redacted] House of Representatives, made in the presence of Special Agent L. Russell Barry on August 30, 1950, you are instructed to have [redacted] contacted by a mature, experienced and well-qualified Special Agent for the purpose of offering [redacted] an opportunity to volunteer any comments he may wish to make concerning James Davidson Taylor.

In the event [redacted] makes assertions pertaining to the loyalty of Mr. Taylor, he should be requested to furnish the source of his information and your office should immediately set out leads in order that any necessary investigation resulting from this interview may be conducted without any delay whatsoever.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

DATE: August 31, 1950

SUBJECT: JAMES DAVIDSON TAYLOR, aka.,
Davidson Taylor
SPECIAL INQUIRY - STATE DEPARTMENT
Public Law 402, 80th Congress
(VOICE OF AMERICA)

Bureau file 123-5580.

On Wednesday, August 30, 1950, Special Agent L. RUSSELL WHARRY of this office had lunch with Representative HAROLD VELDE of Illinois at the latter's request. Representative VELDE is a personal friend of Agent WHARRY. Mr. VELDE and Agent WHARRY joined Representative ERRETT P. SCRIVNER of Kansas and [redacted] who was introduced as [redacted] the House of Representatives at their table. It is noted that [redacted] is listed in the Congressional Directory for the 81st Congress, 2nd Session dated January, 1950, on Page 276 as [redacted]

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Agent WHARRY was introduced by VELDE to SCRIVNER and [redacted] as a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. During lunch a discussion concerning the State Department took place between VELDE, SCRIVNER and [redacted] in which Agent WHARRY took no part. This discussion was highly critical of the State Department as a whole and the type of persons who were being employed by that Department. SCRIVNER stated he had been toying with the idea of introducing a bill to dissolve the State Department and establish a Department of International Affairs, making as a prerequisite for a position in the new establishment a provision that no one could be employed who had ever worked for the State Department, thus "getting rid of all that old personnel."

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Approximately at this point Mr. [redacted] stated that the State Department was contemplating hiring a man who was definitely a "pinko", a Communist sympathizer and a man who associated with Communists and fellow travelers. He further stated that this man should, under no circumstances, have so important a position. When queried by VELDE as to who this person was, [redacted] replied with the name DAVIDSON TAYLOR.

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Let to Director

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Re: JAMES DAVIDSON TAYLOR

During the course of his comments, however, [redacted] indicated he had conducted some investigation of TAYLOR and that his, [redacted] informant had furnished him with the bulk of the information. It was also understood by Agent WEHARRY that [redacted] had talked with certain other persons who knew TAYLOR who held substantially the same views as does [redacted]

Since the above information was obtained by Agent WEHARRY in confidence it is being furnished the Bureau for its confidential information.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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J. Edgar Hoover
Director.

The following is the record of FBI number

CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
Fed. Comm. Comm. Wash., D.C.	James Davidson Taylor #--	applicant F.P. 4-5-41		K 10-1
C.S. Comm. Wash., D.C.	James Davidson Taylor #--	applicant F.P. 9-25-43		
State Dept. Div. of Security Wash., D.C.	James Davidson Taylor #--	member of exec. reserve F.P. 7-3-50		

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Ladd *DL*

FROM : A. Rosen *AR*

SUBJECT: JAMES DAVIDSON TAYLOR aka
Davidson Taylor
SPECIAL INQUIRY - STATE DEPARTMENT
Public Law 402, 80th Congress
VOICE OF AMERICA

DATE: September 1, 1950

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Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
Mr. Ladd	_____
Mr. Nichols	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tracy	_____
Mr. Egan	_____
Mr. Gurnea	_____
Mr. Harbo	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Pennington	_____
Mr. Quinn Tamm	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Mr. Nease	_____
Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

PURPOSE:

To suggest that the Washington Field Office be instructed to interview

_____ who has asserted that Davidson Taylor is a Communist sympathizer and an associate of Communists and fellow travelers.

BACKGROUND:

You will recall that James Davidson Taylor is a former Vice President of the Columbia Broadcasting System who we are investigating under the Voice of America Program.

See index

The Washington Field Office by letter dated August 31, 1950, has advised that on August 30, 1950, Special Agent L. Russell Wharry of that office who was having lunch with Representative Harold Velde of Illinois at the latter's request, ate at the same table as Representative Errett P. Scrivner (R. Kansas) and

_____ who was introduced as _____ the House of Representatives. The Congressional Directory, 81st Congress, 2nd Session, on page 276, lists Mr. _____ The discussion at the table between the two representatives and _____ concerned the State Department and was highly critical of the Department as a whole and the types of persons who were being employed there. Mr. _____ asserted that the State Department was contemplating hiring a man who was definitely a "pinko", a Communist sympathizer and a man who associated with Communists and fellow travelers. He said that this man should under no circumstances have so important a position. When queried by Velde as to who this person was, he replied with the name of Davidson Taylor.

The Washington Field Office letter indicates that during the course of his comments, _____ indicated that he had conducted some investigation of Taylor and that his, _____ informant had furnished him with the bulk of the information. It was also understood by Agent Wharry that _____ had talked with certain other persons who knew Taylor and who held substantially the same views as does _____

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The Washington Field Office stated that the information was obtained by Agent Wharry in confidence and was furnished the Bureau for its confidential information. The letter stated that Agent Wharry, who had been identified by Mr. Velde as a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, took no part in the discussion concerning the State Department and Davidson Taylor at the luncheon table.

Attachment
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Memorandum to Mr. Ladd

It is believed that the above assertions by [] may fit in with information furnished by the Washington Field Office by teletype August 25, 1950 following an interview with [] formerly [] for Governor Thomas E. Dewey during the past presidential campaign. [] said that he had arranged with Taylor to have excerpts from Governor Dewey's opening address from the New York State Legislature broadcasted over the CBS Network and had arranged as to what portions were to be broadcasted. Following these arrangements, [] while at CBS unknown to Taylor, observed Taylor accompany Henry Wallace into the recording room where [] listened to Dewey's speech which had not been nationally broadcasted. [] asserted that the same evening excerpts from Governor Dewey's address and from President Truman's State of the Union message were broadcasted over CBS and were immediately followed by an address by Henry Wallace. According to Mr. [] Taylor violated his original agreement in presenting excerpts from Governor Dewey's speech and presented excerpts from the speech which destroyed the complete content of the speech. He said that excerpts were likewise taken from President Truman's speech which tended to place Dewey and the President in an unfavorable light. Governor Dewey, according to [] was furious at the manner in which his speech was destroyed. During the interview with [] he said he believed that CBS in presenting program material in the past had followed the Communist Party line and that he suspects Taylor's loyalty in view of the fact that he has seen Taylor often socially in the company of Norman Corwin and Hester Sondergard, whom he considered to be Communists or fellow travelers.

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OBSERVATIONS:

The results of the investigation by the New York Office have not been received to date and it is not known what other derogatory information as to Taylor has been developed. Whereas Mr. [] may have received his information from Mr. [] or other persons associated with the Republican Party in New York City, it is believed that he should be contacted in an "on the record" fashion by an agent of the Washington Field Office for any specific information he cares to volunteer concerning Mr. Taylor.

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RECOMMENDATION:

There is attached a proposed letter to the Washington Field Office instructing that a mature and experienced Special Agent contact [] and ask him whether he cares to volunteer for the record any information relating to James Davidson Taylor.

J. Edgar Hoover
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Ladd

DATE: September 18, 1950

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: JAMES DAVIDSON TAYLOR, aka Davidson Taylor
 SPECIAL INQUIRY - STATE DEPARTMENT
 Public Law 402, 80th Congress
 (VOICE OF AMERICA)

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Ted Kirkpatrick, editor of "Counterattack" has advised the New York Office that George Crandall, Vice President and Director of "Press Information" at CBS, is acquainted with the facts concerning Taylor's resignation from CBS. The New York Office requests authorization to interview Crandall.

DETAILS:

My memorandum of 9-11-50 recommending additional investigation in this case, including necessary interviews at CBS, is attached. It had been alleged that Taylor's leaving CBS was part of a drive at CBS to clean house on Communists and fellow travelers.

Pursuant to the recommendations in that memorandum Theodore Kirkpatrick, editor of "Counterattack", a former Bureau Agent, has been interviewed by the New York Office. He has stated that Mr. George Crandall, CBS Vice President and Director of its "Press Information", is acquainted with the facts concerning Taylor's resignation from CBS.

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The New York Office advises that [] has recently contacted that office, has furnished information concerning Communist infiltration of the radio industry and has indicated his desire to cooperate with the FBI.

RECOMMENDATION:

That authority be given the New York Office to have Crandall interviewed concerning Taylor by a mature and experienced Special Agent. In conducting this interview the Agent is not to give Mr. Crandall the impression that the Bureau is questioning the information previously furnished by CBS Vice President Joseph Ream to the effect that Taylor's resignation was due solely to his dissatisfaction with a demotion given him during an administrative reorganization at CBS.

A proposed teletype to New York to this end is attached hereto.

Attachments

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JAMES DAVIDSON TAYLOR, AKA, VOA. BUFILE ONE TWO THREE DASH FIVE
FIVE EIGHT NAUGHT. TED KIRKPATRICK, EDITOR "COUNTERATTACK" ADVISED
GEORGE CRANDALL, VICE PRESIDENT AND DIRECTOR OF "PRESS INFORMATION",
COLUMBIA BROADCASTING SYSTEM, ACQUAINTED WITH FACTS CONCERNING TAYLORS
RESIGNATION FROM CBS. [] HAS RECENTLY CONTACTED THIS OFFICE, b7D
FURNISHED INFORMATION CONCERNING COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE RADIO
INDUSTRY, AND HAS INDICATED A DESIRE TO COOPERATE WITH THE FBI. ON
BASIS OF ABOVE, REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO INTERVIEW CRANDALL MONDAY
NORMING.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Ladd

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: JAMES DAVIDSON TAYLOR, aka Davidson Taylor
SPECIAL INQUIRY - STATE DEPARTMENT
Public Law 402, 80th Congress
(VOICE OF AMERICA)

DATE: September 11, 1950

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PURPOSE:

It now appears that there will be some Congressional opposition to the appointment of James Davidson Taylor, former CBS Vice President, to a responsible position on the Voice of America. The purpose of this memorandum is to propose that additional investigation, including interviews at CBS where necessary, be conducted to assure the thoroughness of the current Voice of America investigation.

DETAILS:

At the present time the only outstanding lead in this case is an interview by the Washington Field Office with [redacted] House of Representatives, who has indicated that he has information that Taylor is a Communist sympathizer and a man who associates with Communists and fellow travelers. [redacted] also has indicated that some Congressional opposition to Taylor's appointment may be expected. Taylor is, at best, a controversial figure.

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In view of this, and after a review of the report submitted by the New York Office, it appears that additional investigation should be made so that every person who has been indicated to have information pertinent to this investigation can be interviewed.

Previously, the New York Office asked for authority to interview Mr. Wells (Ted) Church, head of the news desk at CBS, and Mr. Theodore Kirkpatrick, editor of "Counterattack" magazine. Kirkpatrick was formerly a Bureau Agent.

New York previously was advised that authority to interview Church was being withheld pending the receipt of the result of the interview with Mr. Joseph Ream, CBS Vice President. Allegations had been received that Taylor's resignation from CBS was part of a drive at CBS to clean house on Communists and fellow travelers. It was alleged that Taylor is a close associate of Norman Corwin and Hester Sondergaard, who, in turn, have been active in support of Communist-front groups. Ream, when interviewed, gave Taylor a high recommendation and stated that his resignation was due solely to Taylor's dissatisfaction with a demotion given him during an administrative reorganization at CBS. It is now believed that Church should be interviewed, as two persons have said that Church would know most about Taylor's associates at CBS.

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Memorandum for Mr. Ladd

The New York Office was instructed to furnish its reasons for wanting to interview Kirkpatrick. It now advises in the administrative section of its report that Kirkpatrick told [redacted] in August, 1950, that the CBS Vice President in Charge of Programs was let go by CBS because of his Communist leanings. [redacted] did not know the identity of this Vice President. Taylor held the position.

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Kirkpatrick and the magazine "Counterattack" recently have received considerable attention and some criticism in the press as being responsible for the dismissal of Actress Jean Muir from a role in the television version of The Aldrich Family, which appears on NBC television. Bureau files indicate that our dealings with Kirkpatrick have been at arm's length since his association with the publication "Counterattack."

A review of the New York report has been made, and it is believed desirable that additional investigation be undertaken to obtain the facts upon which allegations concerning Taylor made by persons interviewed are founded. The New York Office, in its administrative pages, has stated that specific facts concerning Taylor's activities and associations can best be obtained from CBS personnel and representatives of radio stations and that, as Bureau authority to interview CBS personnel has not been granted, no efforts to develop this phase of the investigation were made.

OBSERVATION:

The State Department has been pressing for the early completion of the investigation concerning Taylor. It is believed that, in view of the fact that there will probably be some Congressional opposition to Taylor's appointment, this investigation should be extremely thorough.

ACTION:

There is attached a proposed letter to the New York Office, returning copies of its report and outlining additional investigation which is to be conducted in order to round out the picture concerning Taylor.

The letter instructs that Mr. Wells Church, head of the news desk at CBS, be interviewed by a mature and experienced Agent concerning Taylor and his associates. The New York Office is instructed to communicate with the Bureau for authority to interview additional persons at CBS in the event such interviews are deemed essential.

The letter also instructs the New York Office to contact Theodore Kirkpatrick, editor of "Counterattack," in order that he can be offered an opportunity to furnish the Bureau any information regarding Taylor pertinent to the investigation of him under this public law.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR
FROM : D. M. LADD
SUBJECT: DAVIDSON TAYLOR; HAROLD HAUSMAN;
ARNOLD PEARL; PETER LYON; SHIRLEY GRAHAM;
MILLARD LAMPELL; RICHARD YAFFEE; NORMAN CORWIN
(REQUEST FOR PUBLIC SOURCE INFORMATION
BY CONGRESSMAN JOHN TABER)

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PURPOSE:

To furnish you with true blind memoranda containing only public source information for transmittal to Congressman John Taber, Republican of New York. #277633

BACKGROUND:

On August 30, 1950, Bob Lee, former Special Agent, requested of Mr. Nease public source information on the eight captioned individuals for the use of Congressman Taber. Completed true blind memoranda on all of the above except Davidson Taylor are attached.

James Davidson Taylor is presently being investigated as a Voice of America applicant. He was formerly employed as an announcer and Vice-President with the Columbia Broadcasting System. No identifiable public source material was contained in the Bureau files on Taylor and, therefore, no blind memorandum has been prepared on him. (123-5580)

A brief summary of data other than that in the attached memoranda, which appears in Bureau files secured from investigations and confidential informants, follows on each of the remaining seven individuals.

Harold Hausman

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Howard L. Hausman, the former Vice-President in charge of personnel relations for Columbia Broadcasting System, resigned from that post at the request of CBS, effective July 15, 1950. An admitted member of the Flushing Branch of the Communist Party, New York City, in 1943 stated that Hausman and his wife were members of the same branch. In 1944 a highly confidential source of the New York Office reported that Hausman's wife was Educational Director of the Flushing Club of the Communist Party. In March 1945, a similar source reported that Hausman had been elected "Executive at Large" of the Flushing Club, Communist Political Association. A Security Matter - C investigation was opened on Hausman in June 1944 and closed in August 1945. (100-311550; 100-340922-229; 100-3-4-4498, page 47)

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Arnold Pearl

No actual investigation has ~~been conducted on~~ Arnold Pearl by the Bureau.

A memorandum-appointment book belonging to Louise Bransten for the year 1942 listed an entry dated July 29, wherein it indicated that Arnold Pearl was believed to have been contacted by her. (100-203581-2753, page 88)

On October 5, 1943, Arnold Pearl was given a tour by the Crime Records Section of the FBI for the purpose of helping him to secure information and data for two articles which he was preparing on FBI women. (94-3-4-33-85X3 and X5)

He was believed to be a contact of Joseph North. In 1943, North made a speaking tour throughout the United States under the auspices of New Masses and the CPA. (100-61835-11, page 3)

A New York confidential informant advised on March 22, 1946, that William Norman, Secretary of the New York State Communist Party, had made arrangements to meet Pearl in connection with writing a pamphlet on May Day. (NYT-25; 100-335340-38)

A New York confidential informant advised, according to a July 13, 1950, New York report, that Arnold Pearl was a radio writer for the Columbia Broadcasting Company. It was further stated that Pearl's wife spent the summer holidays of 1948 with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Thompson. Robert Thompson was a member of the National Committee of the Communist Party - USA. In addition, the informant stated that Pearl had been Treasurer of the Duncan-Paris Post of the American Legion, the charter of which was rejected by the American Legion because of the Communist domination of the Post. Pearl has been a contributor to the "Hollywood Quarterly," which was cited as a Communist project by the California Committee on Un-American Activities in its 1948 report. (100-5244-41, page 6; 100-340922-226, page 50)

Peter Lyon

Robert P. Lyon was a supporter of many Communist fronts and was identified as a concealed Communist by [redacted] A Security Matter - C investigation was opened on Lyon in May 1950. (100-263654)

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Shirley Graham

The Washington Cooperative Bookshop in Washington, D.C., held a meeting on February 27, 1948, at which time she was a speaker. She used as her notes the Negro Section of the Sunday Worker and lauded the Communist Party as the only American political institution which was truly a democratic party. The Washington Cooperative Bookshop was cited by the Attorney General as subversive and Communist. (CIC; 121-67-25, pg. 31)

On January 24, 1949, a confidential informant of the New York Office made available index cards bearing the names of persons who had contributed money to the Daily Worker. One card bore the name, Shirley Graham of 3111 Broadway, New York City, and the notation, "Don 1945 Affair." "Don" was believed to mean donation. (C) [redacted]

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The American Committee of Jewish Writers, Artists and Scientists sponsored a protest meeting on September 29, 1949, in New York City to protest against the "Pogroms in Munich and in Peekskill." Shirley Graham was one of the speakers at this meeting. She spoke on the results of the Marshall Plan and stated in part, "It is a great lie that the Marshall Plan is helping the nations of Western Europe. The Marshall Plan is helping only the bankers and the industrialists. The masses of Italy and France are worse off today than before." The American Committee of Jewish Writers, Artists and Scientists was cited by the California Un-American Activities Committee. (C) [redacted]

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The Jefferson School of Social Science in New York City offered a lecture series on Negro Rights and Culture. On October 23, 1949, Shirley Graham and Howard Johnson, Educational Director of the New York State Communist Party, spoke on "Negro Culture in the Struggle Against White Chauvinism." The Jefferson School of Social Science was cited by the U.S. Attorney General as an adjunct of the Communist Party. (New York Confidential Informant [redacted] pages 43, 84, 113, 114) (C)

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In the summer of 1950, [redacted] said she was a poet and writer who wrote the biography of the life of Paul Robeson. [redacted] did not personally meet Miss Graham, although he received information of her being a Communist

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of several years and specifically around 1944 and 1945 from Jack Stachel. [] said she was represented to him as a staunch member of the Communist Party. []

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Shirley Graham was a contributor to Masses and Main Stream, both of which have been cited by the California Un-American Activities Committee in their reports of 1947 and 1948. (121-20206-4)

An Internal Security investigation was opened on Shirley Graham based on the information from [] in July 1950.

Millard Lampell

Millard Lampell, an author and script writer for the screen and radio, is the subject of a pending Security Matter - C investigation which was opened on May 29, 1950, upon receipt of an allegation from [] that Lampell was a Communist who was employed in the Radio Section of the United Nations. The investigation revealed that Lampell was not employed by the United Nations, but on occasions works on projects involving that organization. [], an informant of unknown reliability, in April 1947 reported that Lampell was a Communist Party member and was on the Executive Board of his Branch. [] an informant of known reliability, in February 1949 stated that Lampell was a Communist Party member. Both informants said that Lampell's wife was a member of the Communist Party. [] has identified Lampell as a "concealed Communist." []

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The attached blind memorandum on Lampell reveals his connection since 1941 with seven organizations which have been cited by the U.S. Attorney General and eleven other alleged Communist-front organizations. Lampell's participation in such groups has been as an officer, member, speaker, sponsor or contributor of writings.

Richard Yaffee

Richard A. Yaffe was a supporter of many Communist fronts. [] Sarah Mishler Yaffe, his wife, was a member of the Communist Party in 1944 and was investigated by this Bureau. [] The investigation was closed in March 1945. Yaffe is presently being investigated by the Bureau, the case having been opened in May 1950. (100-335674-3; 100-361958)

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Norman Corwin

Norman Corwin, whose true name is Norman Cohen, has had a successful career as a radio writer, director and narrator, and has received a number of awards for his work in this field. He was employed by the Columbia Broadcasting System from 1938 until the summer of 1949 and has since been employed by the Radio Division of the United Nations Organization, Lake Success, New York.

In February 1942, a Hatch Act investigation was opened on Corwin, who was allegedly employed by the Office of Civilian Defense and was the subject of charges set forth in the Congressional Record of February 6, 1942, based on information obtained from the Dies Committee. Inquiry in April 1942 disclosed that he had been employed as a Consultant by the Office of Civilian Defense but that this employment was terminated on March 1, 1942.

In May 1944, an Internal Security - C case was opened based on information in the Dies Committee files that Corwin had been associated with several Communist fronts. Investigation disclosed that he had supported numerous organizations cited by the Attorney General and the California Committee on Un-American Activities as Communist fronts, but there was no evidence of Communist Party membership. [redacted] has stated that Corwin's name came to his attention repeatedly in early 1945 during discussions in the Politburo and the Special Commission on Radio Penetration devised by the Communist Party, and that he understood Corwin was to be assigned by the Communist Party to engage in penetration of the radio industry. This investigation was closed by report dated December 9, 1949. [redacted]

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. If you approve, the attached blind memoranda will be given to Bob Lee for transmittal to Representative Taber.
2. Bob Lee should be advised that there is no public source information in the Bureau files on Davidson Taylor.

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SPECIAL INQUIRY - STATE DEPARTMENT

PUBLIC LAW 402, 80th CONGRESS

(VOICE OF AMERICA)

(Your file 123-3708)

(Bureau file 123-5580)

PERSONAL ATTENTION

Reurlet 9-27-50, captioned as above, setting forth your views concerning current relations with the officials of the Columbia Broadcasting System.

Regardless of the apparent cooperation afforded your office by CBS officials, you are instructed that all of your relations with CBS must be governed strictly by the provisions of SAC Letter No. 102, dated November 8, 1949.

The activities and attitude of CBS officials made it necessary for the Bureau to issue the instructions contained in that SAC Letter for the future protection of the Bureau. Although CBS officials are apparently attempting to ingratiate themselves with representatives of your office, I am holding you personally responsible to insure that the provisions of that SAC Letter are fully complied with in the future.

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: September 27, 1950

FROM : SAC, New York

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SUBJECT: JAMES DAVIDSON TAYLOR, aka:
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(Bureau file 123-5580)

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Reference is made to the report of SA JAMES F. DONAHOE, dated September 27, 1950, at New York, concerning the above-captioned matter, three copies of which are enclosed.

During the course of investigation, information was developed from interviews with officials of the Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS) and persons who are familiar with activities at CBS concerning a new policy at CBS relative to employees possessing Communist tendencies and sympathies.

The officials of CBS are aware of adverse publicity concerning Communist infiltration and CBS is attempting to get rid of some of the known Communists and Communist sympathizers.

Mr. THEODORE KIRKPATRICK, Editor of "Counterattack" and former FBI Special Agent, advised that after the July 1, 1949 issue of "Counterattack" appeared, which criticized CBS for being partial to Communists and Communist propaganda, Executive Vice-President of CBS, Mr. JOSEPH REAM, contacted Mr. KIRKPATRICK and arranged an interview to discuss CBS' position.

Mr. KIRKPATRICK advised that since July, 1949, he has had discussions with Mr. REAM concerning the intentions of CBS to purge its personnel of Communists and Communist Party sympathizers. It is Mr. KIRKPATRICK'S impression that Mr. REAM is sincere in his efforts and stated that Mr. REAM expressed a desire to cultivate more friendly relations with the FBI and actually solicited Mr. KIRKPATRICK'S advice on how this could be effected. Mr. KIRKPATRICK mentioned that Mr. REAM specifically asked him what methods to employ in order to identify CBS employees who may be Communists and Mr. KIRKPATRICK cautioned that Mr. REAM'S interests in creating friendly relations with the Bureau may be motivated in part by a desire to secure the Bureau's assistance in this regard. Nevertheless, Mr. KIRKPATRICK was of the firm opinion that Mr. REAM would cooperate fully with the Bureau in all matters in keeping with the new policy to remove any Communist taint from the name of CBS.

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Letter to the Director, FBI
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Mr. GEORGE CRANDALL, Vice-President in Charge of Press Relations, CBS, indicated an exceptionally cooperative attitude in furnishing information concerning the DAVIDSON TAYLOR investigation. During the course of the interview, Mr. CRANDALL said that CBS was exceptionally conscious of Communist attempts to infiltrate the radio field and of the adverse publicity CBS has received because of the allegations that CBS is favorable toward the Communists.

In order to correct this situation, Mr. CRANDALL advised that CBS has taken positive steps under Vice-President REAM'S direction to correct the situation. Mr. CRANDALL said that he was personally responsible for forcing the resignations of former CBS employees ELIZABETH TODD and HOWARD HAUSMAN because of the allegations relative to their Communist Party affiliations. It was Mr. CRANDALL'S understanding that Vice-President REAM personally went to Washington and was successful in developing information to effect HAUSMAN'S release.

Mr. CRANDALL stated that it was CBS' intention to cooperate fully with the Bureau in all matters of mutual interest.

It is to be noted that since August, 1949, Mr. CRANDALL has furnished this office with information concerning Communist activities at CBS and has never given any evidence that he was not wholeheartedly interested in cooperating.

Mr. ALFRED BERRY, superintendent, Claim Department, Railway Express Agency, 219 East 42nd Street, New York City, and former Special Agent of the FBI, advised that he was recently approached by CBS officials and offered a position of Assistant Personnel Director of CBS. Mr. BERRY has accepted this position and expects to assume his duties within a week.

Mr. BERRY stated that during his preliminary interviews with Vice-President REAM, he has been apprised of his duties and was told he will be in charge of the security of CBS facilities and in particular in matters bearing upon the questionable loyalty or activities of CBS personnel and all persons who have any contact with CBS. Mr. BERRY was advised, and all other CBS officials have been instructed, that Mr. BERRY is responsible to and reports directly to Vice-President REAM. Mr. BERRY stated that it is his desire to cooperate with the Bureau in any matters in which the Bureau feels he can be of assistance.

Mr. [redacted] who is well acquainted with Communist activities in the radio field, and who has been of assistance to this office

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Letter to the Director, FBI
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in the past, advised that it is rumored in the radio field that CBS is attempting to get rid of Communists in the organization because of the many complaints it has received from affiliate stations which have objected to certain programs broadcast over CBS and more particularly questioned the affiliation and background of persons performing on programs sponsored by CBS.

It is being called to the Bureau's attention that in connection with the DAVIDSON TAYLOR investigation, all persons affiliated with CBS who were interviewed, were exceptionally cooperative and evidenced no antagonism toward the Bureau.

In connection with the limited relations now maintained at CBS, New York, at no time has any indication been noted which would lead to any suspicion that CBS was antagonistic toward the Bureau or was uncooperative in its dealings. In fact, it should be noted that treatment was exceptionally cordial.

With reference to the above observations, it is pointed out to the Bureau that at no time during the interviews with the various CBS officials did the interviewing agents or the CBS officials make any reference to any past or present existing friction between that company and the Bureau.

These facts bearing on the Bureau's relation with CBS are being brought to the attention of the Bureau in order that the Bureau may be apprised of the present policies in effect at CBS.

Either our N.Y. office is naive of the situation or just plain gullible. Just recently C.B.D. put out a television program which was vicious in its presentation of C.B.D. Also C.B.D. still has Callingswood as its White House correspondent & he still angles

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Employment OWI verified - nothing unfavorable. S.I. State, CSC, Passport Information set out - nothing unfavorable. no pertinent identifiable information. not identifiable. Army record not available here. HCUA, FBI re loyalty - no record.

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EMPLOYMENT

The applicant's personnel file maintained by the National Archives pertaining to his employment with the Office of War Information reflects that he entered on duty on January 18, 1944 as Head Field Representative, Overseas Operations Branch, Outpost Service Bureau, New York City "for duty outside the United States." He was reassigned to London, England on February 1, 1944 and to Paris in August, 1944 and he returned to New York City on April 3, 1945. He proceeded to Paris and Germany on May 1, 1945 and received an ingrade promotion on July 29, 1945. He returned to the United States on September 16, 1945 and was involuntarily separated from the Office of War Information

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on October 6, 1945 to be paid through December 10, 1945. His efficiency report dated July 12, 1945 was rated excellent and on September 29, 1945 he was the recipient of a letter signed by ROBERT A. McCLURE, Brigadier General, GSC, Chief, Information Control Division, commending TAYLOR "for the outstanding manner in which you performed your duties as Assistant Chief of the Radio Section and later Chief of Film, Theatre and Music Control Section between 26 May, 1944 and 7 September, 1945." Only favorable information appeared therein.

MISCELLANEOUS

The applicant's security file maintained by the State Department contains letters concerning Mr. TAYLOR'S participation in certain musical and cultural programs in which the United States was interested. This file also contains information that he was appointed Assistant Representative of the Overseas Operations Branch, Office of War Information - Special Staff to the Ambassador. Nothing unfavorable appeared therein.

The applicant's Civil Service Commission, Investigative Division file, contained an investigation conducted in February, 1944 for the position of Head Field Representative, Office of War Information, which was the basis for a determination that the applicant was eligible on suitability. Only favorable information appeared therein and the Civil Service Commission had no further identifiable information concerning the applicant.

Special Agent GEORGE G. DUFFY advised that the applicant's Passport File reflected that he was issued Passport Number 146086 on January 26, 1948 for proposed travel to England, France, Switzerland, Germany, Russia, Italy and Palestine for the purpose of conferences with overseas correspondents of Columbia Broadcasting System News Service. On January 23, 1950 at New York this passport was renewed for proposed travel to France, Italy and England for the purpose of a holiday.

On January 18, 1944, Passport Number 34842 was issued the applicant for proposed travel to the British Isles on official business for the Office of War Information. On April 19, 1945 this passport was validated for the Interior Zone of France. The application for this passport reflects he was born on February 26, 1907 at Shelbyville, Tennessee. His wife's name was listed as MARY ELIZABETH PLUMMER TAYLOR who was born on April 15, 1906 at Bedford, Indiana.

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The applicant was issued the following additional passports:

Number 182387 on April 25, 1935 for proposed travel to France on business. This passport was renewed and amended to include his wife.

Passport Number 232579 on May 13, 1930 for proposed travel to Great Britain, France, Spain, Germany, Italy, Belgium, Switzerland, Monaco, Palestine, Egypt, China, Czechoslovakia and Ireland for the purpose of travel and study. No unfavorable information appeared in this file.



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Colonel DONALD R. VAN SICKLER, Officer in Charge, Personnel Information Branch, AGO, Department of the Army, advised that the applicant's Army Service Record was in St. Louis, Missouri.

The House Committee on Un-American Activities has no record of the applicant.

The Bureau has advised that a search of the central files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation has been made and no information of a derogatory nature concerning loyalty which could be identified with applicant was found.

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Agency checks were conducted by the following:

House Committee on Un-American Activities - Special Employee
THEODORE C. SCHNAEBELE

Officer Records information - Special Employee NERI A. CLARK

- Special Employee WALTER J. RICHARDSON

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FILE NO. **123-973**

REPORT MADE AT LOS ANGELES	DATE WHEN MADE 8/29/50	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 8/28/50	REPORT MADE BY REX ELLIS
TITLE JAMES DAVIDSON TAYLOR, aka. Davidson Taylor			CHARACTER OF CASE SPECIAL INQUIRY-STATE DEPARTMENT Public Law 402, 80th Congress (VOICE OF AMERICA)

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

W. LEE COULSON, former manager, radio station WHAS, Louisville, Kentucky, recalled applicant as an employee from 1929 to 1933 approximately. Considers him very good as to character, reputation, associates and loyalty.

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REFERENCE:

Bureau file 123-5580
Report of SA REX ELLIS dated August 18, 1950 at Los Angeles.
Louisville teletype to Los Angeles dated August 18, 1950.

DETAILS:

The investigation at Santa Barbara, California was conducted by SA DALE NORMAN.

EMPLOYMENT

Mr. W. LEE COULSON, 324 Arden Road, Santa Barbara, California, advised that he was the former manager of radio station WHAS, Louisville, Kentucky. He recalled the applicant very well as being a part-time employee at the station beginning in approximately 1929 and after he finished his schooling, applicant was a full-time announcer and writer and his employment extended through approximately 1933. He remembered applicant as being a very intelligent, truthful and frank and a person of very good character and reputation. His associates were his fellow employees and they all had good reputations.

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He has seen the applicant periodically in New York City since that time and stated that the applicant left radio station WHAS to go with the Columbia Broadcasting System. He is thoroughly loyal to this country and patriotic in every respect; however, Mr. COULSON advised that he did not recall any specific discussions bearing upon these matters. He is not acquainted with any of applicant's relatives.

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FILE NO. **123-1123** AM

REPORT MADE AT PHILADELPHIA, PA.	DATE WHEN MADE 8-29-50	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 8-24, 29-50	REPORT MADE BY EDWIN A. KLARECKI
TITLE JAMES DAVIDSON TAYLOR, aka Davidson Taylor			CHARACTER OF CASE SPECIAL INQUIRY - STATE DEPARTMENT; PUBLIC LAW 402. 80th CONGRESS. (VOICE OF AMERICA)

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: ROBERT S. EMERSON, head of the Radio Department, New York University, interviewed at his summer home at Pipersville, Pa; recommends TAYLOR without hesitation with regard to reputation, character, loyalty and associations.

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REP'T FORM *4-3-53*
BY *SAW/RL*

REFERENCE: Bufile 123-5580
New York teletype to Phila dated 8-23-50.

DETAILS:

At PIPERSVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA

ROBERT S. EMERSON, head of the Radio Department, New York University, advised that he has known the applicant for approximately twenty years; that he first met him in 1930 at Louisville, Kentucky, and that he roomed with the applicant for eight or nine months. He advised that the applicant is the son of a minister and that he has one brother, GARLAND TAYLOR, who is a professor at Tulane University. He further stated that the applicant has another brother, ARTHUR TAYLOR, who is engaged as a retailer, place unknown.

According to EMERSON, TAYLOR is happily married and His wife's name is MARY ELIZABETH TAYLOR. EMERSON stated that he has always held the applicant in high esteem and that he knows nothing unfavorable concerning TAYLOR'S character, loyalty, or associations. He characterized TAYLOR as conservative, and knew of no reason to question his participation in any organization or his other associations. He recommended him without

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REPORT MADE AT SAN ANTONIO	DATE WHEN MADE 8/23/50	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 8/23/50	REPORT MADE BY ROBERT E. RUTHEL
TITLE JAMES DAVIDSON TAYLOR, aka Davidson Taylor			CHARACTER OF CASE SPECIAL INQUIRY - STATE DEPARTMENT Public Law 402, 60th Congress (VOICE OF AMERICA)

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Former fellow employee, Dr. WILLIAM DURBECK, San Antonio, was associated with TAYLOR while both employed Radio Station WHAS, Louisville, Ky., where TAYLOR did announcing and continuity work in connection with classical musical programs. TAYLOR was then recently ordained Baptist minister. Possessed of considerable reserve and very temperate in habits, associates and activities. Never discussed or expressed any personal views relative to political, economic or governmental matters which would have any bearing on his loyalty or patriotism.

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REFERENCE: Louisville teletype to San Antonio dated 8/18/50

DETAILS: AT SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS:

WILLIAM DURBECK, DDS, 823 Medical Arts Building, advised he was associated with TAYLOR from 1929 to 1933, while both were employed by Radio Station WHAS at Louisville, Kentucky. During this time TAYLOR handled announcing and particularly continuity work in connection with classical musical programs. According to DURBECK, TAYLOR did not regularly handle any news casts or any broadcasts pertaining to current events.

During this period, Dr. DURBECK advised that while he was constantly associated with TAYLOR from day to day, it was never possible for him to know the man intimately. He described TAYLOR as being a man possessed of considerable reserve, and while he was friendly and affable, he spent a minimum of time with his fellow employees in any form of social activity.

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Dr. DUREBECK stated that he was impressed with the fact that TAYLOR had only recently before that graduated from a Baptist Seminary in Kentucky and was an ordained minister.

It was explained by Dr. DUREBECK that during the period of their association, no occasion ever arose for him to know anything in particular concerning TAYLOR's patriotism or loyalty. They had no discussions of any kind concerning any political, economic or Governmental matters which might have afforded TAYLOR an opportunity to express his views along those lines. Under these circumstances, Dr. DUREBECK explained that he was able, therefore, only to comment that insofar as he knew, no question existed as to TAYLOR's patriotism or loyalty.

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REPORT MADE AT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE	DATE WHEN MADE 8-23-50	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 8-21-50	REPORT MADE BY WILLIAM M. HOBBS, JR.
TITLE JAMES DAVIDSON TAYLOR, aka, Davidson Taylor			CHARACTER OF CASE SPECIAL INQUIRY - STATE DEPARTMENT, Public Law 402, 80th Congress; VOICE OF AMERICA

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: No record of TAYLOR'S birth on file at State of Tennessee Division of Vital Statistics, Nashville.

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REFERENCE: Knoxville teletype to Memphis dated August 18, 1950.

DETAILS: AT NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

Miss MARJORIE BINKLEY, Division of Vital Statistics, Tennessee Department of Public Health, 7th Avenue North, advised that she was unable to locate a certificate recording the birth of JAMES DAVIDSON TAYLOR in the files of her office. She added that the State of Tennessee has maintained birth certificates only since July of 1908 and that births prior to that time are recorded only when delayed certificates are filed by individuals who desire to make their birth records permanent.

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REPORT MADE AT MIAMI, FLORIDA	DATE WHEN MADE 8/22/50	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 8/21/50	REPORT MADE BY CASSIUS RATHBUN ca
TITLE JAMES DAVIDSON TAYLOR, aka Davidson Taylor			CHARACTER OF CASE SPECIAL INQUIRY-STATE DEPARTMENT Public Law 402, 80th Congress (VOICE OF AMERICA)

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Credit report at Tampa, Fla. contains no information reflecting upon loyalty or character of JOHN A. TAYLOR, brother of applicant. No record of JOHN A. TAYLOR found at Tampa PD or Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office.

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REFERENCE:

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Bulet to New York dated 8/9/50

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BY JAW/ps

DETAILS:

AT TAMPA, FLORIDA

A credit report at Merchants' Association of Tampa, dated August 16, 1948, contains no information reflecting upon the loyalty or character of JOHN A. TAYLOR, 4102 Tacon Street, brother of applicant, who had then recently arrived in Tampa from Arlington, Virginia. The report reflected the association of JOHN A. TAYLOR with Consolidated Millinery Company, 18 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, during the previous fifteen years, as Manager of the Millinery Department at Pass Brothers Department Store at Tampa, and at Kann's Department Store at Washington, D.C., except for three years service in the United States Army from which he was honorably discharged in May, 1946 as a First Lieutenant.

There was no record identifiable with JOHN A. TAYLOR at the Tampa Police Department or at the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office.

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REPORT MADE AT KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE	DATE WHEN MADE 8/22/50	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 8/16,17/50	REPORT MADE BY JOSEPH L. KISSIAH JF
TITLE JAMES DAVIDSON TAYLOR, aka Davidson Taylor			CHARACTER OF CASE SPECIAL INQUIRY - STATE DEPARTMENT. Public Law 402, 80th Congress (Voice of America).

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

**JAMES DAVIDSON TAYLOR and family
unknown in Shelbyville, Tennessee.**

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REFERENCE:

Bureau letter to New York dated August 9, 1950.

DETAILS:

AT SHELBYVILLE, TENNESSEE:

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Extensive inquiry among the usual sources of information failed to develop any information concerning JAMES DAVIDSON TAYLOR or his family in Shelbyville, Tennessee. It is noted TAYLOR states he was born February 26, 1907 at Shelbyville. Persons contacted during this inquiry included Mr. HENRY CROWELL, Crowell Building, long-time attorney; Dr. B. L. BURDETTE, Dr. W. H. AVERY and Dr. T. R. RAY, all practicing physicians for many years; Mr. HORACE PARSONS, elderly Clerk of Court for Bedford County.

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REPORT MADE AT LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY	DATE WHEN MADE 8/21/50	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 8/15, 17, 18/50	REPORT MADE BY HOWARD E. TRENT, JR. ve
TITLE JAMES DAVIDSON TAYLOR, aka Davidson Taylor			CHARACTER OF CASE SPECIAL INQUIRY-STATE DEPARTMENT Public Law 402, 80th Congress (VOICE OF AMERICA)

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Applicant attended Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, 9/20/27 to 5/6/30, receiving Masters Degree in Theology. He was employed at Radio Station WHAS, Louisville, as an announcer, and as a writer on the Courier Journal from 9/23/29 until 10/1/33, at which time he voluntarily resigned to accept other radio work at CBS in New York City. Associates at Louisville during the period 1927 to 1933 recommend the applicant highly as to character, reputation, loyalty and associations, and furnish no derogatory information. Credit and criminal negative.

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REFERENCE: Bureau letter dated August 9, 1950.

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 BY JAW/jm

DETAILS: EDUCATION

Dr. HUGH PEDERSON, Student Counselor, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, advised from the official records of the Seminary that the applicant entered the Seminary on September 20, 1927, and was in attendance until May 6, 1930, at which time he received a Masters Degree in Theology. Dr. PEDERSON advised that TAYLOR maintained a 91.5 numerical average for the three-year period indicating a very good scholastic performance. His entrance was based on credits from Mississippi College, Clinton, Mississippi, where he had received an AB Degree. Dr. PEDERSON was very well acquainted with JAMES DAVIDSON TAYLOR and regarded him as a student of excellent character, high intelligence, unquestioned morals and excellent

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reputation. Dr. FEDERSON advised that based on his previous association with the applicant from 1927 to 1930, he can recommend him for a position of trust. He is confident of the applicant's patriotism and loyalty.

During the time he was a student at the Seminary, Mr. TAYLOR had at no time been connected with an organization of questionable character. The applicant resided in the men's dormitory, Mullins Hall, and later, following graduation, was believed to have stayed for a brief period in the residence of Rev. L. O. LEAVELL, pastor of Deer Park Baptist Church. Rev. LEAVELL formerly resided at 2022 Bonnycastle, but is now deceased.

Dr. FEDERSON indicated that the records of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary contained no derogatory information with respect to the applicant.

EMPLOYMENT

DOROTHY CALHOUN, clerk, Personnel Office, Courier Journal and Louisville Times Publishing Company, Courier Journal and Louisville Times Building, advised that the only company record available with respect to JAMES DAVIDSON TAYLOR indicates that he was employed by the company's affiliated radio station WHAS, Louisville, from September 23, 1929, until October 1, 1933. Residences listed for TAYLOR were Mullins Hall and the Greystone Apartments. The period of residence in each address was not given and no further data with respect to TAYLOR's employment appears in the company records.

Mr. EARLY BINGHAM, President, Courier Journal and Louisville Times Publishing Company, and until recently Head of the Economic Cooperation Administration in France, advised that during the period of applicant's employment with WHAS as announcer, writer and contributor to a special radio column, he was also affiliated with the announcing staff of WHAS. Mr. BINGHAM became well acquainted with DAVIDSON TAYLOR and has seen him in New York on various occasions since his departure from the station and has kept in touch with him through mutual friends.

The applicant's departure from Radio Station WHAS and the Courier Journal came about as a result of a voluntary resignation and was a move on the part of the applicant to better himself in the radio field. Applicant's services were entirely satisfactory while he was employed by WHAS, and the applicant would certainly be eligible for re-employment by the company should he desire to return to Louisville.

Mr. BINGHAM believes TAYLOR to be a man of excellent character, unquestioned loyalty and unblemished reputation. Mr. BINGHAM stated that the applicant

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does not "drink, smoke or cuss like some of the rest of us in the newspaper and radio business" and has a good religious and moral background. Mr. BINGHAM feels sure of the reliability and trustworthiness of the applicant and recommends him without reservation for a position in which the Government may have an interest.

Miss KATHERINE STEELE, Secretary to the Program Director, Radio Station WHAS, was a member of the WHAS staff during the period of DAVIDSON TAYLOR's employment by the Courier Journal and Louisville Times and feels that TAYLOR is the finest man she has ever known. TAYLOR is a man of excellent moral and religious background and believed to be honest, reliable, loyal and patriotic. He possessed an excellent background in the field of classical music, art and literature when he came to WHAS and his advancement with the station was rapid.

Miss STEELE recalls that TAYLOR left WHAS after having successfully passed an announcers' audition in New York and accepted employment with the Columbia Broadcasting System in 1933. After a short period of work in New York, the applicant became seriously ill with pneumonia. When this fact became known to officials of the Courier Journal and WHAS, the latter immediately got in touch with CBS in New York and guaranteed full medical care for the applicant, even though he was no longer officially connected with the Courier Journal Company. Miss STEELE regards this as indicating something of a feeling that the applicant's employer and fellow employees had for him.

He has returned to visit in Louisville on a number of occasions since 1933, having married MARY ELIZABETH PLUMMER, a former writer for the Courier Journal, and having brought his family back for a sort of "home coming." On these occasions, he has not been "snobbish" in the least because of the position of importance which he has held at CBS, but has remained a friendly and likeable personality.

Miss STEELE stated that she knows of no derogatory information concerning the applicant and has never heard any other person connected with the studio or the newspaper make any statement concerning him which would reflect unfavorably upon his character.

Mr. JAMES SHEEHY, Manager, Listeners' Service Bureau, WHAS, was connected with the WHAS staff during the period of applicant's employment there and came to know him very well. He recommends Mr. TAYLOR as to character, reputation, loyalty and association. The applicant is a fine gentleman in every sense, and Mr. SHEEHY knows of nothing which would reflect against applicant's loyalty or patriotism in any way. Mr. SHEEHY is of the opinion that TAYLOR is a man of strong character, and he thinks he would not be influenced by

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persons who might attempt to sway him or enlist his aid in organizations which might be hostile to the best interest of the United States. Mr. SHEEHY believed TAYLOR to be thoroughly reliable and thoroughly dependable, and stated that he can give him only the highest recommendation for a position of interest to the Government.

Mr. JOE EATON, Manager, Radio Station WKLO, who was formerly Program Director for WHAS and chief announcer for WHAS, advised that he first came to know DAVIDSON TAYLOR while the latter was a student at the Southern Baptist Seminary and was employed as a student announcer at WHAS. Mr. TAYLOR had an excellent background in art, music, literature and language, and he advanced rapidly with WHAS so that about the time applicant was ready to receive his degree in Theology, Mr. EATON, who was then his superior, questioned him as to whether he would care to remain in the radio field and continue with WHAS on a full time basis. Mr. TAYLOR advised EATON that even though he felt that his parents, who had been in religious work, had their hearts set on him entering the ministry, he felt that he would rather be in radio work and had decided to continue his employment in that field.

Mr. EATON pointed out that TAYLOR had made a very great impression on Judge ROBERT WORTH BINGHAM, former owner of the Courier Journal and WHAS and former Ambassador to the Court of St. James.

Mr. EATON stated that he always thought the applicant had some of the traits of ABRAHAM LINCOLN in his appearance and was rather "home spun" in his manner, but at the same time gave ready evidence of an excellent educational background. The way he handled his work showed intelligence, trustworthiness and reliability. Mr. EATON feels that the moral standing of the applicant is above reproach in every respect. It is EATON's feeling that in twenty-five years of radio experience TAYLOR is the only, truly, great man he has met in the field of radio. TAYLOR has an appealing personality and possesses traits of sincerity, honesty, determination and strength of character, which have always made him well liked. Mr. EATON pointed out that even after the applicant had achieved a prominent position at CBS and became Vice President, he was, on occasions when he would return to WHAS, just as natural and friendly as when he was first employed as a "stand-by" announcer at WHAS. As a consequence, members of the WHAS staff, on occasions when TAYLOR returned, did not feel they were being impressed by TAYLOR, but had a feeling of being "proud for" him.

Mr. EATON feels that the admiration that Louisville acquaintances of the applicant have had for him reflects favorably upon his character. EATON

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feels completely sure of the applicant's loyalty and patriotism. He feels that whatever TAYLOR undertakes will be done with determination and that his work will be dependable and of the most excellent quality. Mr. EATON knows of no derogatory information with respect to the applicant's character or conduct, and he recommends him for a position of interest to the Government.

Mr. JAMES LANDAU, writer, Courier Journal and Louisville Times, knew the applicant well during the period of his employment by the Courier Journal and WHAS, and he has maintained contact with him up until the present time.

He believes TAYLOR to be a loyal American citizen and noted that TAYLOR has at no time shown an interest in anything which he would regard as un-American. TAYLOR is a man of good character and his moral character has never been criticized to the knowledge of LANDAU. LANDAU feels TAYLOR was "much too great a person to remain at Louisville" and feels that his success in becoming a Vice President at CBS was due to the outstanding ability and intelligence which he possesses. Mr. LANDAU believes that all who have known TAYLOR in the Louisville area have held him in high esteem, and he is unable to recall anything of a derogatory nature concerning him or to remember any statements made by others which might reflect upon his character.

Mr. PAUL HUGHES, feature writer, Courier Journal and Louisville Times, knew the applicant while the latter was working as an announcer at WHAS and writing a radio column for the paper. Although not intimately acquainted with him, Mr. HUGHES believes he knew him well enough to state that the applicant was a man of good character, loyalty and commendable associations during the period of his Louisville employment. Mr. HUGHES knows of nothing of a derogatory nature concerning the applicant, and he recommends him for a position of interest to the Government.

Mr. POUCHER COLEMAN, writer, Courier Journal and Louisville Times, knew the applicant very well during the period of 1929 to 1933 and has seen him since on various occasions, last having met him in Germany approximately two years ago. Mr. TAYLOR did work of national importance in connection with World War Two, and is believed to be thoroughly patriotic and loyal. Mr. COLEMAN recommends the applicant as to character, reputation and associations. He is believed to be of unquestioned morals and outstanding ability and is recommended by COLEMAN for a position of trust and confidence in which the Government may have an interest.

NEIGHBORHOOD

A search of the city directories for the period during which applicant resided in Louisville indicates that in 1931 he resided at 2022 Bonnycastle, which was the residence of Rev. L. C. LEAVELL.

Mrs. ELSIE S. McQUADY, 2021 Bonnycastle, a resident of the neighborhood for over thirty years, recalled the LEAVELLS having resided at 2022 Bonnycastle, but was unable to recall the applicant as a resident of the neighborhood.

Mr. JOHN STARKS, 2020 Bonnycastle, a resident of the neighborhood for forty years, likewise recalled the fact that Rev. L. C. LEAVELL formerly resided at 2022 Bonnycastle, but was unable to remember the applicant as a resident of the neighborhood.

The Louisville City Directories indicated that as of 1932 the applicant resided at the Greystone Apartments, 418 West Ormsby.

Mrs. BERNICE RICHARDSON, Manager of Greystone Apartments, 418 West Ormsby, advised that there is no record available of tenants prior to 1942 inasmuch as the ownership of the building has changed several times since its construction about 1925. The only former resident of the Greystone Apartments for the period of 1930 to 1933 known to Mrs. RICHARDSON is Mrs. LILLIAN WILLIAMSON, a resident of the Thierman Apartments.

Mrs. LILLIAN WILLIAMSON, Thierman Apartments, Breckinridge between Fourth and Fifth Streets, advised that she formerly resided at the Greystone Apartments during the period of residence indicated by the applicant, but she was unable to remember him as a neighbor.

CREDIT

Miss BEVERLY BLEDSOE, clerk, Louisville Credit Rating Bureau, Marion E. Taylor Building, was unable to locate a credit record for the applicant.

CRIMINAL

LURAF BLACKMAN, clerk, Record Bureau, Louisville Police Department, was unable to locate a record of arrest for the applicant.

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Mr. JOE EATON, Manager, WKLO, and former superior of the applicant at WEAS, advised that although he could not recall any derogatory remarks against the applicant, he believes that he heard one or possibly two statements by persons whom he remembers as being "uneducated" or members of the "hoi polloi" of limited intelligence, make insinuations against the applicant's roommate at the Greystone Apartments, ROBERT E. ERSON. EATON stated that such statements were not widespread enough to affect E. ERSON's reputation, and they were entirely without basis in his opinion and according to his observations.

EATON pointed out that just about that time some uneducated persons were prone to confuse advanced knowledge of music, literature and the arts with being "queer" in the sense of being eccentric and in the sense of implying perversion. E. ERSON had a knowledge of the arts and literature and had certain mannerisms which might have been possibly regarded by some as "feminine", but which actually were, in EATON's opinion, "stage mannerisms".

EATON advised that he is unable to recall who made the statements which seem to be an insinuation against E. ERSON, but emphasized the fact that such talk was definitely not widespread. E. ERSON was more quiet than the other announcers and did not engage in the "horseplay" characteristic of studio conduct.

EATON stated that he mentioned his recollection of statements in this respect since it might possibly concern the reputation of a former associate, but added that he did not see how it could affect, in any way, the reputation of the applicant inasmuch as he personally felt that the original statements were completely without basis.

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FILE NO. **123-274**

REPORT MADE AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA	DATE WHEN MADE 8/22/50	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 8/17,22/50	REPORT MADE BY GEORGE A. GUNTER gp
TITLE JAMES DAVIDSON TAYLOR, aka., Davidson Taylor			CHARACTER OF CASE SPECIAL INQUIRY - STATE DEPARTMENT, Public Law 402, 80th Congress (VOICE OF AMERICA)

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

*See photo - Union
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BY [signature]*

TAYLOR resided with family at Brookhaven, Mississippi several years prior to 1929. Father still resides at Brookhaven. Reputation of TAYLOR and family excellent at Brookhaven. School records, Brookhaven, incomplete. Credit record satisfactory and no arrest record, Brookhaven. TAYLOR attended Mississippi College from 9/19/23 to June, 1927 when he graduated with BA Degree. TAYLOR of good moral habits and character and considered loyal citizen. Applicant's brother, Dr. GARLAND F. TAYLOR, is the Librarian at the Howard-Tilton Memorial Library, Tulane University. He has a very satisfactory credit rating in New Orleans and no arrest record.

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REFERENCE: Bureau letter to New York City dated 8/9/50.

*AGENCY [signature]
REC'D 3-12-53
REC'D 10-3-53
BY [signature]*

DETAILS: AT BROOKHAVEN, MISSISSIPPI

HUGH DICKEY, Radio Operator, Mississippi Highway Patrol, advised he is well acquainted with, and has been associated closely with Dr. J. A. TAYLOR, father of DAVIDSON TAYLOR, for a number of years, and knows DAVIDSON and his brothers fairly well. He stated the TAYLOR family enjoys an excellent reputation in the community and that each member is considered loyal and dependable. He said DAVIDSON TAYLOR has not been around Brookhaven for anything other than a short visit for about twenty years and his present associates and activities are not known.

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SOLON BRITT, Sheriff, stated he has known Dr. J. A. TAYLOR and his three sons for approximately thirty years. He said Dr. TAYLOR is one of the finest Americans he knows and that although the three sons have not resided in Brookhaven for a number of years, they are extremely well thought of in Brookhaven. He did not know anything about the activities and associates of DAVIDSON TAYLOR since he left Brookhaven about 1929, but said Dr. TAYLOR is patriotic, loyal and of excellent character.

S. MARTIN, Tax Assessor, said he has known Dr. J. A. TAYLOR very well for a number of years and knew DAVIDSON TAYLOR well until he left Brookhaven about twenty years ago. He said DAVIDSON TAYLOR was of good morals and character up to the time he left Brookhaven and that his father is considered of good character and finest associates, is loyal to the United States in every respect and is a great influence for good in the community.

C. M. HIGDON, President, Brookhaven Bank, advised he has known Dr. J. A. TAYLOR and members of his family for over thirty years. He said that DAVIDSON TAYLOR has been away from Brookhaven for something like twenty years but that he was considered honest and of good character prior to his departure. He said DAVIDSON TAYLOR's father is of good reputation, good character, fine associates and is entirely loyal and trustworthy.

PAUL R. TURNBOUGH, Chief of Police, stated he was reared with DAVIDSON TAYLOR and closely associated all his life with members of the TAYLOR family. He said that DAVIDSON TAYLOR left Brookhaven to live approximately twenty years ago and that he has had no close contact with him since. Up until the time he left, TURNBOUGH stated he was of fine character and morals, was honest and entirely trustworthy. He said Dr. J. A. TAYLOR, father of DAVIDSON TAYLOR, is of very good character and morals, is entirely loyal, and has very satisfactory associates.

DAVIDSON TAYLOR, nor any member of his immediate family, had any arrest record with the Brookhaven Police Department. Dr. J. A. TAYLOR's record with the Brookhaven Credit Bureau was satisfactory.

DAVIDSON TAYLOR's attendance at the Brookhaven High School could not be verified due to lost or misplaced records. It was only shown that he was in attendance during 1921 and 1922.

AT CLINTON, MISSISSIPPI

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent NORVAL D. WILLS:

NO #123-274

Miss ADDIE MAE STEVENS, registrar, Mississippi College, from her records advised that JAMES DAVIDSON TAYLOR attended that college from September 19, 1923 until June, 1927, at which time he graduated with distinction, receiving a B.A. Degree. The records show TAYLOR to be a very good student and there is nothing of a derogatory nature concerning him therein. Miss STEVENS advised she knows TAYLOR as a student and as a friend, as well as knowing his family. TAYLOR's father, Dr. J. A. TAYLOR, is a retired Baptist preacher, having been stationed in Brookhaven, Mississippi for more than thirty years and presently resides there. Dr. TAYLOR wanted his son, DAVIDSON TAYLOR, to study for the ministry, but while DAVIDSON TAYLOR was attending the Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, he became interested in radio, apparently his real calling, and he is still in radio work.

Miss STEVENS stated that DAVIDSON TAYLOR has not resided in Mississippi for twenty or more years, but she is sure he is an honorable, upright, Christian man, as well as one whose trustworthiness, loyalty and patriotism is beyond question. Press releases in the file pertaining to TAYLOR reflect he married MARY ELIZABETH PLUMMER, a former staff writer for the Louisville, Kentucky Courier Journal, and later with the Associated Press, on June 8, 1935 in New York City. Miss STEVENS stated that TAYLOR has a brother who is Librarian at Tulane University who also is a man of high ideals and character. Miss STEVENS stated she is sure there is no reason whatever to question TAYLOR or any of his family in any regard as they are good, wholesome, patriotic Americans.

Professor J. R. HITT, former teacher at Mississippi College, and presently City Alderman and Town Clerk, advised he recalls TAYLOR as a student and thinks very highly of him; that TAYLOR has initiative, originality and is intelligent. Professor HITT advised that TAYLOR was no disciplinary problem, was reliable and dependable and got along well with other students. At the time TAYLOR attended Mississippi College, there was no reason to even think about one's Americanism; however, Professor HITT stated he is sure TAYLOR is a good, substantial and true citizen. TAYLOR's father resides in Brookhaven, Mississippi and is a retired Baptist preacher and Professor HITT knows that TAYLOR was reared in a good Christian home where loyalty and patriotism were taught.

Professor HITT advised he was mayor of Clinton during the time TAYLOR attended Mississippi College and that TAYLOR had no arrest record while attending college.

AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent VON PERRY HEATHERLY:

NO #123-274

The applicant's brother, Dr. GARLAND F. TAYLOR, is the Librarian at the Howard-Tilton Memorial Library, Tulane University. This is a highly respected position at the University. Dr. TAYLOR resides at 2422 Audubon, New Orleans, Louisiana.

The Retailers Credit Bureau has an excellent credit rating for Dr. TAYLOR and he has been prompt in the payment of all accounts.

There is no arrest record for Dr. TAYLOR with the New Orleans Police Department.

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October 9, 1950

Mr. Donald L. Nicholson, Chief
Division of Security
Department of State
515 Twenty-second Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

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JAMES DAVIDSON TAYLOR
SPECIAL INQUIRY - STATE DEPARTMENT
Public Law 402, 80th Congress
(Voice of America)

Reference is made to my letter dated October 5, 1950 which transmitted reports of investigation concerning Mr. Taylor.

You are furnished herewith the following two additional reports which complete this investigation:

Report of Special Agent James F. Donahoe dated October 4, 1950 at New York, New York.

Report of Special Agent Howard E. Trent dated October 6, 1950 at Louisville, Kentucky.

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REPORT MADE AT Louisville, Kentucky	DATE WHEN MADE 10/6/50	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 10/6/50	REPORT MADE BY HOWARD E. TRENT /jd
TITLE JAMES DAVIDSON TAYLOR			CHARACTER OF CASE SPECIAL INQUIRY - State Department, Public Law 402, 80th Congress (VOICE OF AMERICA)

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: *Applicant resided at Cumberland Apartments, Louisville, Ky. for approximately one year up until 10/33. Recommended by apartment manager as to character, loyalty, reputation and loyalty.*

AGENCY: cc photo - via
REQ. REC'D 4-3-57
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BY: [signature]

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Reference: Bureau teletype dated October 5, 1950.

Details: NEIGHBORHOOD

AGENCY: *[initials]*
 REQ. REC'D *2-19-52*
 REP'T FORW. *2-23-52*
 BY: *[signature]*

Mrs. EUGENE STUART, Manager, Cumberland Apartments, Second and York, advised that the applicant resided in Apartment 705 for at least one year and perhaps a little longer up until the time he left Louisville to go to New York for employment with CBS, in October of 1933.

Mrs. STUART no longer has a record of the tenants as far back as 1933, but recalls the applicant very well because he was an unusually nice young man. He was one of the best tenants she has ever had and she had numerous conversations with him and came to know him well. The applicant, in her opinion, is a man of good character and good reputation. She believed him to be of good moral standing and it was her opinion that Mr. TAYLOR is a loyal American. Mr. TAYLOR's father was a minister and visited the applicant several times while the latter resided at the Cumberland Apartments, and she believes, from meeting Reverend TAYLOR, that the applicant comes of excellent family background. Mrs. STUART was unable to furnish the names of other tenants who may have known the applicant and advised that she believed that his associates during this period were members of the staff of WHAS and the Louisville Courier-Journal and Times.

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The applicant furnished Mrs. STUART a forwarding address at the time he left to go to New York, and although Mrs. STUART retained the address for a period of time, she no longer has it and was unable to advise the address to which he moved on leaving Louisville. Mrs. STUART advised that everything she saw and knew of the applicant was favorable and indicated that she was unable to furnish any derogatory information concerning him.

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Bureau teletype dated October 5, 1950, indicated New York's investigation showed residence at Cumberland Apartments, Louisville, on October 1, 1933 and set forth request for neighborhood inquiry and request to determine subsequent New York address.

A copy of this report is being furnished for the information of the New York Division in view of interest in subsequent neighborhood inquiry.

October 5, 1950

Mr. Donald L. Nicholson, Chief
Division of Security
Department of State
515 Twenty-second Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~
BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

JAMES DAVIDSON TAYLOR
SPECIAL INQUIRY - STATE DEPARTMENT
Public Law 402, 80th Congress
(Voice of America)

There are transmitted herewith the following reports covering the investigation conducted by this Bureau concerning the above-named person:

Report of Special Agent James F. Donahoe dated September 27, 1950 at New York, New York.

Report of Special Agent Howard E. Trent, Jr. dated August 21, 1950 at Louisville, Kentucky.

Report of Special Agent George A. Gunter dated August 22, 1950 at New Orleans, Louisiana.

Report of Special Agent Rex Ellis dated August 18, 1950 at Los Angeles, California.

Report of Special Agent L. Russell Wharry dated August 31, 1950 at Washington, D. C.

Report of Special Agent Ernest E. Kuhnsl dated August 23, 1950 at San Antonio, Texas.

Report of Special Agent Rex Ellis dated August 29, 1950 at Los Angeles, California.

Report of Special Agent Edwin A. Klarecki dated August 29, 1950 at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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Report of Special Agent in Charge G. B. Morris dated September 1, 1950 at St. Louis, Missouri.

Report of Special Agent Joseph L. Kissiah dated August 22, 1950 at Knoxville, Tennessee.

Report of Special Agent William M. Hobbs, Jr. dated August 23, 1950 at Memphis, Tennessee.

Report of Special Agent Cassius Rathbun dated August 22, 1950 at Miami, Florida.

You will be furnished an additional report containing the result of neighborhood inquiries in the vicinities of applicant's residences for periods prior to those covered on the Request for Investigation Data form.

Enclosures

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **BUREAU**

FILE NO. **123-973**

REPORT MADE AT LOS ANGELES	DATE WHEN MADE 8/18/50	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 8/17/50	REPORT MADE BY REX ELLIS <div style="text-align: right;">CEA</div>
TITLE JAMES DAVIDSON TAYLOR, aka Davidson Taylor			CHARACTER OF CASE SPECIAL INQUIRY-STATE DEPARTMENT Public Law 402, 80th Congress (VOICE OF AMERICA)

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Applicant approached by members of Hollywood Writers Mobilization for atom bomb radio program series. Hollywood Writers Mobilization for Defense has been declared within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

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BY _____

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REFERENCE: Bureau file 123-5580
Bureau letter to New York City dated 8/9/50

DETAILS:

T-1, of known reliability, advised that at a meeting of the Executive Council of the Hollywood Writers Mobilization held at 1655 North Cherokee, Los Angeles on March 28, 1946 under committee reports on the atomic bomb radio series, Mr. ABE POLONSKY reported on a conference he had had with DAVIDSON TAYLOR, Program Director of CBS, on the atomic bomb series. Mr. TAYLOR expressed great interest in the series and promised to attempt to obtain time for the program when he returned to New York. He also requested that the series be outlined in a letter to him. Mr. POLONSKY read this letter to the council. It had been agreed that a tentative title for the series would be "One World or None" taken from the recent book on the atomic bomb published by the Federation of American Scientists.

T-2, of known reliability, furnished a copy of the above-mentioned letter, part of which is herein set out:

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"Mr. Davidson Taylor

"Dear Dave:

"This is to anchor the discussion we had a few days ago with respect to the Hollywood Writers Mobilization program on the atom bomb known for the present as 'One World or None'. The program series is provisionally scheduled as 13 individual half-hour dramatic shows, related in orientation, diction, and context but fictionally self-sufficient..... In ending this too long letter I should like to remind you again this is a program idea written by established writers of fiction for screen, radio, the stage, and publication. We aim at storytelling because this is how we communicate. You communicate with me and I will take it up with the committee." Signed "Abraham Polonsky,
8071 Selma, Los Angeles"

T-1 advised that at a meeting of the Executive Council of the Hollywood Writers Mobilization held at 1655 North Cherokee on April 18, 1946 under committee reports, Atomic Bomb Series, LEON MEADOW reported that CBS had agreed to freeze radio time beginning in June for the Atomic Bomb Series subject to network approval of six scripts to be submitted by May 15. The network, through DAVIDSON TAYLOR, originally had requested thirteen scripts in advance but later accepted the committee's counter-proposal for six scripts.

T-1 advised that at a meeting of the Executive Council of the Hollywood Writers Mobilization, 1655 North Cherokee, held on July 17, 1946 under a heading of Radio Committees, American Radio Theatre, HOWARD KOCH gave a brief report on the fate of the atom bomb scripts which were submitted to CBS. He revealed that CBS had been briefed on the content and form of the Atom Bomb Series, that the scripts had been sent to New York, and that DAVIDSON TAYLOR had replied that the scripts were of a controversial nature and therefore not acceptable. Other networks that were approached reacted in a similar way.

On November 24, 1947 the Attorney General declared the Hollywood Writers Mobilization for Defense within the purview of Executive Order 9835, Section 3, Part III.

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Unless advised to the contrary by the Bureau, the Los Angeles Office will not make any effort to ascertain through CBS anything at all concerning applicant and any visits he may have made to the Los Angeles area.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **BUREAU**

NY FILE NO. 123-3708 BTC

REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE 9/6/50	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 8/14-18, 21-24, 29-31; 9/1/50	REPORT MADE BY JAMES F. DONAHOE
TITLE JAMES DAVIDSON TAYLOR, Aka Davidson Taylor			CHARACTER OF CASE SPECIAL INQUIRY-STATE DEPARTMENT Public Law 402, 80th Congress (VOICE OF AMERICA)

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

AGENCY *cc photo via*
REQ. REC'D *4-3-57*
REP'T FORW. *9-12-57*
BY *cc - CDR*

DAVIDSON TAYLOR, employed as Announcer, Columbia Broadcasting System (C.B.S.) 10/1/33. Resigned of own accord while holding position of Vice-President, 12/31/49. Employment record clear. Executive Vice-President, C.B.S., JOSEPH REAM, advises that TAYLOR resigned over disagreement on new administrative set-up and severed connections with C.B.S. on friendliest terms. REAM states that he has tremendous respect for TAYLOR and that TAYLOR'S employment will be an asset to the U. S. Government. Records, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) reflect TAYLOR attended the 5th Conference of UNESCO at Florence, Italy, May-June, 1950, as non-salaried expert in field of mass communications. TAYLOR and family enjoy good reputations among neighbors. References recommend without qualification for position of trust and confidence. Describe TAYLOR as brilliant, capable executive enjoying a reputation above reproach as to character, loyalty and associations. Confidential Source advises that TAYLOR, in connection with his duties as Vice President with C.B.S., has favored the Communist Party line and his loyalty and integrity are subject to questioning. Information concerning affiliation of reference MAX WYLIE set out. Facts relative to TAYLOR'S possible association with MYRA JORDAN, alleged to be Communist sympathizer, reported. TAYLOR'S wife, MARY ELIZABETH TAYLOR, enrolled as voter of American Labor Party, 1945. TAYLOR and wife enjoy good credit rating. No criminal record located, New York City, New York.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED *Edward J. [Signature]* SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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REFERENCE: Bureau file number 123-5580.
Bureau letter to New York, 8/9/50.

DETAILS: At New York, New York

Employment

Mrs. MARTON LAMBERSON, Personnel Assistant, Personnel Department, Columbia Broadcasting Company, (C.B.S.), 485 Madison Avenue, advised that the records reflected that JAMES DAVIDSON TAYLOR was employed as an announcer on October 1, 1933. As of January 22, 1944, TAYLOR, who was then Assistant Director of Programs, was granted a leave of absence for a special assignment out of the country. On October 8, 1945, TAYLOR returned and was appointed Vice-President and Director of Programs. TAYLOR resigned this position, December 31, 1949 and went off the pay roll records on June 30, 1950. TAYLOR'S date and place of birth were reflected in the records as February 26, 1907, Shelbyville, Tennessee. It was likewise indicated that TAYLOR was married and [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Nothing derogatory concerning TAYLOR was contained in the records.

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Mr. JOSEPH REAM, Executive Vice-President, Columbia Broadcasting Company, advised that he has been professionally associated with TAYLOR since 1934. REAM mentioned that TAYLOR was originally employed by C.B.S., on the basis of TAYLOR'S winning a Philharmonic Award offered by C.B.S., while TAYLOR was employed by Radio Station WHAS, Louisville, Kentucky. TAYLOR was employed as an announcer and in a short time was placed in charge of the Music Department.

In 1944, WILLIAM S. PALEY, then President of C.B.S., was appointed to a position with the Office of War Information, abroad, and asked TAYLOR to accompany him as his assistant. TAYLOR accepted, was granted a leave of absence, and was closely associated with PALEY who was assigned to SHAEF as a commissioned officer during the period, 1944-1945.

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TAYLOR returned to C.B.S. in October, 1945 and was raised to the position of Assistant Executive-in-Charge of the Program Department. One year later, TAYLOR was promoted to the position of Vice-President. In late 1947, EDWARD R. MURROW, who was then Vice-President-in-Charge of Public Affairs, resigned his position and was replaced by TAYLOR, who continued his employment with C.B.S. as Vice-President-in-Charge of both the Program Department and the Public Affairs Department.

TAYLOR continued in this capacity until December, 1949, when the Executive Board at C.B.S. reorganized the administration set-up and combined the Program and Public Affairs Departments. Mr. HUBBELL ROBINSON, JR., was appointed Vice-President-in-Charge of both these departments, and TAYLOR was relegated to the position of assistant to ROBINSON. TAYLOR was not willing to accept his new assignment and looked upon it as being a demotion. When the Executive Board at C.B.S. refused to change the new policy, TAYLOR accordingly submitted his resignation which was accepted.

According to REAM, TAYLOR severed his connection with C.B.S. on the friendliest terms and went abroad to Europe for a vacation. REAM described TAYLOR as being a brilliant, intellectual individual for whom he had tremendous respect. REAM further characterized TAYLOR as being possessed of the highest integrity and made reference to the fact that TAYLOR enjoyed an unimpeachable reputation in the radio field.

REAM related that TAYLOR had often told him that he thought of returning to public life, feeling that he could contribute more to humanity by so doing. However, REAM advised against it, maintaining that TAYLOR'S services were too valuable to be lost by C. B. S. REAM recalled that he met TAYLOR when TAYLOR was assigned with SHAEF and he was impressed with the highly confidential work TAYLOR was engaged in and believed that this assignment, in itself, was indicative of the fact that TAYLOR could be trusted in a position of confidence.

REAM said that the only flaws in TAYLOR'S personality were his inflexibility and pride, as demonstrated by TAYLOR'S refusal to accept the decision of the Executive Board of C.B.S. in connection with the new administration policy. It is REAM'S contention that TAYLOR'S employment by the United States Government is the country's gain and C. B. S.'s loss.

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Miss IRENE SHEPANSKI, Secretary to the Personnel Manager, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, (UNESCO), 405 East 42nd Street, advised that DAVIDSON TAYLOR attended the 5th General Conference of UNESCO, held in Florence, Italy, May-June, 1950, as an expert in the field of mass communications. Miss SHEPANSKI stated that TAYLOR volunteered his services while on vacation in Italy and was not a salaried employee of UNESCO.

Neighborhood

JOSEPH HANKO, Superintendent, Apartment House, 345 East 57th Street, advised that TAYLOR has rented an apartment on the premises from 1937 to date. According to HANKO, TAYLOR, his wife and [redacted] are regarded as highly respectable tenants and enjoy an excellent reputation with the management. HANKO described the TAYLORS as being a quiet, reserved family who did not associate with any other tenants in the building. HANKO explained that he knew of no tenants presently residing in the apartment house who could comment concerning TAYLOR or his family other than Mrs. D. H. ELDER who occupied the apartment next to TAYLOR.

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Mr. L. P. HAMMOND, Doorman, 345 East 57th Street, stated that, on the basis of his observations of TAYLOR, he considered him to be a reputable individual possessed of good habits. HAMMOND mentioned that he knew no tenants presently residing in the apartment house who could comment concerning TAYLOR or his family. HAMMOND advised that TAYLOR'S friends and associates were mostly persons in the radio field.

Mrs. D. H. ELDER, Tenant, [redacted] Street, advised that, on the basis of a casual, neighborly acquaintance with the TAYLOR family, she regarded them as being respectable, desirable neighbors.

References

CHARLES HONCE, Assistant General Manager, Associated Press, Rockefeller Plaza, described TAYLOR as being "the finest man he has ever known." HONCE explained that he has known TAYLOR for a period of from fifteen to twenty years, and met TAYLOR through TAYLOR'S wife, MARY ELIZABETH, nee PLUMMER, who worked as a reporter on the Louisville Courier Journal, and was later hired by HONCE as a reporter with the Associated Press. HONCE said that he has been intimately acquainted with TAYLOR and his wife since 1933, when TAYLOR came to New York City.

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HONCE described TAYLOR and his wife as being an ideal couple. He characterized TAYLOR as being a perfect gentleman who enjoys a reputation above reproach. HONCE gave TAYLOR an unqualified recommendation as to character, loyalty and associations.

Mr. LAWRENCE W. LOWMAN, Vice-President, C.B.S., stated that he did not know anyone he could trust more than TAYLOR. LOWMAN described TAYLOR as being an individual possessed of the highest integrity. He mentioned that TAYLOR resigned "under no cloud" from C.B.S. LOWMAN said that TAYLOR'S employment would be an asset to the government because TAYLOR never thinks of himself, holding the best interests of his country foremost in his mind. LOWMAN described TAYLOR as being possessed of the highest values, a wide scope of Americanism and a sincere interest in the rights of man.

LOWMAN described TAYLOR as being a well-educated, well-grounded executive possessed of an exceptional sense of organization. LOWMAN recommended TAYLOR without reservation for a position of trust and confidence with the United States Government.

MAX WYLIE, Executive, William Estey Advertising Company, 100 East 42nd Street, prefaced his comments concerning TAYLOR by saying that "he was extra-ordinarily fond of TAYLOR." WYLIE said that he originally met TAYLOR in 1933 when both he and TAYLOR were employed at C.B.S. Since then, WYLIE has continued a close friendship with TAYLOR and he and Mrs. WYLIE stood up for TAYLOR and his wife when they were married. WYLIE mentioned that he and TAYLOR had two things in common which accounted for their close friendship, namely, both being employed in the radio field and both being sons of ministers.

WYLIE described TAYLOR as being a born administrator, a great executive, a keen analyst, an accurate appraiser of men and situations and an enormously diplomatic individual. WYLIE said that TAYLOR possesses an acute and rare intelligence and that his morals are impeccable.

Referring to TAYLOR'S theological background, WYLIE mentioned that TAYLOR is an ordained Baptist minister and has, in the past, actually officiated at marriages and funerals. Because of this background, WYLIE felt that TAYLOR, in a sense, was morally incorruptible. It was WYLIE'S understanding that TAYLOR continued in the field of radio, in preference to the ministry, because "he lost his appetite for conventionalism in the pulpit and religion."

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WYLIE referred to TAYLOR'S associations at C.B.S., recalling that considerable frictions developed when TAYLOR succeeded EDWARD R. MURROW as Vice-President because many of the other employees resented TAYLOR'S appointment in view of the fact that TAYLOR had no background in the newspaper field and they felt that the appointment should have gone to a qualified newspaper man. However, TAYLOR survived in this dispute. WYLIE said that TAYLOR may have made mistakes in administering his job, but that he was such a fair-minded individual that any errors committed by TAYLOR were never made out of prejudice. WYLIE also was aware of TAYLOR'S resignation from C.B.S. and stated that TAYLOR told him he resented HUBBEL ROBINSON, JR. being appointed over him. TAYLOR told WYLIE he discussed this matter with WILLIAM S. PALEY, Chairman of the Board, of C.B.S., and that PALEY regretted that the situation could not be changed and would regard TAYLOR'S resignation as a loss to C.B.S.

WYLIE stated that he regards TAYLOR as being a completely courageous individual, "who is the farthest thing from a Communist in America today."

WYLIE said he wished to recommend TAYLOR with enthusiasm and without qualification for a position with the United States Government.

Confidential Informant T-1, of known reliability, advised that in a copy of the book entitled "Fighting Words," edited by DONALD OGDEN STEWART, President of the League of American Writers, and containing information about the 1939 Congress of the League of American Writers, it was noted that the name of MAX WYLIE was contained in the index as being a contributor to the material published and discussed in the 1939 Congress. No further identifying data was contained in the book concerning the MAX WYLIE mentioned.

The League of American Writers has been cited by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order #9835.

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At Purchase, New York

ARTHUR JUDSON, Theatrical Manager, 113 West 57th Street, New York City, was interviewed at his summer home, Barnes Lane, Purchase, New York, by SA THOMAS P. LYNCH.

Mr. JUDSON advised that he has known TAYLOR as a friend and as a business associate since 1930. JUDSON said that he considers TAYLOR to be a brilliant individual and an exceptionally able man in the field of radio. JUDSON mentioned that it was his understanding that TAYLOR resigned voluntarily from C.B.S. because he disagreed with the policies of the station, feeling that C.B.S. was becoming too commercial. JUDSON made reference to the fact that TAYLOR was well qualified for a position with the Voice of America in view of his background in radio and his work and trip abroad. JUDSON said that he desired to recommend TAYLOR most favorably, without hesitation, for a position of trust and confidence with the United States Government.

At New York, New York

Mrs. SOPHIE K. UNDERWOOD, Author, 115 East 38th Street, advised that she met TAYLOR and his wife socially in 1937 and has continued her friendship with them to date.

Mrs. UNDERWOOD described TAYLOR and his wife as persons possessed of the highest attributes of character and integrity and who always impressed her as being loyal, patriotic Americans.

She further added that she regards TAYLOR as being extraordinarily intelligent and considers TAYLOR and his wife to be kind, sincere friends. Mrs. UNDERWOOD mentioned that TAYLOR was definitely "not a man of political expediency or evasion" and recommended him without qualification for a position of trust and confidence.

Miscellaneous

Mrs. FANNIE MAY BUTTERFIELD, Free Lance Writer, Hotel Park Plaza, 50 West 77th Street, advised that she first met TAYLOR when

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he auditioned for a position of announcer with Radio Station WHAS, Louisville Kentucky, in 1929, when he was a student at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Mrs. BUTTERFIELD was in charge of auditions and hired TAYLOR on a part-time basis. She continued her professional association with TAYLOR for a period of eight or nine months and in 1930, she resigned from WHAS. Mrs. BUTTERFIELD mentioned that TAYLOR discussed his future with her and that she advised him to continue in the radio field instead of the ministry because he did show that he had talent. Soon afterward, TAYLOR won a C.B.S. award for a composition written by him concerning music. As a result of winning this award, TAYLOR was hired by C.B.S., in New York City. Mrs. BUTTERFIELD had no further contact with TAYLOR until 1935, when she came to New York in an attempt to secure radio time on C.B.S. for a series of programs she edited and acted in. TAYLOR, according to Mrs. BUTTERFIELD, did not show any interest in her proposal and, in fact, treated her in a rather brusque manner. Since 1935, Mrs. BUTTERFIELD has had a very casual association with TAYLOR.

Mrs. BUTTERFIELD stated that, on the basis of her associations with TAYLOR, she knew of nothing which would reflect on his character, loyalty or associations.

Confidential Informant T-2, of unknown reliability, who is well acquainted with activities in the radio field, advised that he questioned TAYLOR'S integrity and loyalty because of the following incident:

In January, 1948, T-2 learned that TAYLOR had agreed to have excerpts from Governor DEWEY'S opening address to the New York State Legislature broadcast over the C.B.S. Network. After an agreement had been reached, as to what excerpts of DEWEY'S speech would be broadcast, Informant saw TAYLOR accompany HENRY WALLACE into a recording room and saw both TAYLOR and WALLACE listen to DEWEY'S speech which had not been nationally broadcast but sent over a local Albany station earlier that afternoon. Earlier that same day, President TRUMAN delivered his State of the Union address. That evening, over C.B.S., excerpts from Governor DEWEY'S address and excerpts from President TRUMAN'S address were broadcast over the C.B.S. Network. This program was followed by an address by HENRY WALLACE and the comments of two news commentators, EDWARD R. MURROW and QUINCEY HOWE. According to T-2, it was believed that TAYLOR violated his original agreement concerning the presentation of the

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excerpts from Governor DEWEY'S speech by presenting excerpts which distorted the complete context of the speech. Excerpts were likewise taken from President TRUMAN'S speech which tended to place DEWEY and TRUMAN in an unfavorable light. HENRY WALLACE, in turn, had the benefit of comparing both speeches and having the conflicting statements in both speeches programmed for comparison by the listening public and had the advantage of speaking to the radio audience immediately following the presentation of both speeches. QUINCEY HOWE is reported, in commenting on the speeches, to have referred to President TRUMAN and Governor DEWEY as "twiddledum and twiddledee." T-2 said he heard that Governor DEWEY was furious at the manner in which his speech was handled. T-2 is of the opinion that TAYLOR was primarily responsible for this situation, which he felt was engineered to give WALLACE a political advantage. T-2 is also of the opinion that under TAYLOR'S direction as Vice-President-in-Charge of the Programs, that certain programs broadcast over C.B.S. have "followed the Communist Party line." T-2 said that it is his opinion that TAYLOR was forced to resign from C.B.S. in keeping with a new policy at C.B.S., in getting rid of employees with Communist leanings. T-2 had no other facts to support this contention.

T-2 advised that he would not testify before a Loyalty Hearing Board or give a signed statement.

Confidential Informant T-4, of known reliability, on January 19, 1948, advised that the name and telephone number of DAVIDSON TAYLOR, (PL 3-8122), appeared in the address book of MYRA JORDAN. A check of the New York Telephone Directory reflects this number is listed to DAVIDSON TAYLOR, 345 East 57th Street.

Confidential Informant T-5, [redacted] advised that MYRA JORDAN was formerly the secretary of WILLIAM L. SHIRER, C.B.S. news commentator, and had been instrumental in assisting the United Office and Professional Workers of America in obtaining a firm foothold in C.B.S. T-4, above mentioned, also advised on January 19, 1948, that MYRA JORDAN had, in her possession, numerous books and pamphlets on Communism and Marxism, as well as letters from various Communist front organizations. Neither of the above-mentioned confidential informants could furnish any information as to the degree of association, if any, between MYRA JORDAN and DAVIDSON TAYLOR.

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The records of the Board of Elections, 400 Broome Street, reflect that MARY ELIZABETH TAYLOR, 345 East 57th Street, registered as an enrolled voter during the period, 1942-1948, in one of the two major political parties except in 1945, when she enrolled as a voter in the American Labor Party.

The following citations concerning the American Labor Party appeared in a pamphlet prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, U. S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., dated December 18, 1948:

- "1. For years, the Communists have put forth the greatest efforts to capture the entire American Labor Party throughout New York State. They succeeded in capturing the Manhattan and Brooklyn sections of the American Labor Party, but outside of New York City, they have been unable to win control. (Special Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, March 29, 1944, Page 78).
- "2. Among organizations that are victims of Communist domination. (California Committee on Un-American Activities, 1944, Pages 40 and 41.)"

SA AUGUST J. MICEK advised that no record concerning DAVIDSON TAYLOR or his wife was found in the records of the New York City Police Department Bureau of Special Services and Investigation.

Confidential Informants T-6, T-7, T-8, T-9, T-10, T-11 and T-12, of known reliability, who are acquainted with the more prominent members of the Communist Party in the New York City area, advised that they had no information concerning DAVIDSON TAYLOR or his wife.

Credit

The records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York were checked and they reflect that DAVIDSON TAYLOR and his wife enjoy a good credit rating.

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Criminal

The records of the New York City Police Department, checked by SA AUGUST J. MICEK, contain no record on either DAVIDSON TAYLOR or his wife.

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SE CLINTON E. POLLOCK checked the records of the Board of Elections.

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During the course of this investigation, Mrs. FANNIE MAY BUTTERFIELD, whose comments appear in the body of this report, was telephonically contacted and an appointment made to interview her concerning TAYLOR. Upon interview, Mrs. BUTTERFIELD advised that, in order to refresh her recollection of TAYLOR, she had contacted Confidential Informant T-2, and NED WEAVER, Free Lance Writer, who is active in the affairs of the Radio Writers of America Union. Mrs. BUTTERFIELD learned from T-2 that he is suspicious of TAYLOR'S loyalty because of his professional dealings with TAYLOR. According to Mrs. BUTTERFIELD, T-2 expressed the desire to furnish the information he had relative to TAYLOR, to the F.B.I. Mrs. BUTTERFIELD also learned from NED WEAVER that he had contacted TED KIRKPATRICK, Editor of the magazine, "Counter Attack," and former Special Agent of the F.B.I., who advised him that he had information indicating TAYLOR'S name appeared as a sponsor on the letterhead of the organization, National Conference on the German Problem. WEAVER told Mrs. BUTTERFIELD that he personally had no information concerning TAYLOR, but that KIRKPATRICK indicated to him that he would be willing to furnish the information he had concerning TAYLOR, if contacted. Mrs. BUTTERFIELD who is a free lance writer and who characterizes herself as being a "rabid anti-Communist," mentioned that on the basis of what she had learned from T-2, concerning TAYLOR, that she would consider bringing the matter to the attention of a number of senators she knew in Washington if TAYLOR was employed by the government. //

It is to be noted that no pertinent information concerning the National Conference on the German Problem is contained in the files of the New York Office.

Confidential Informant T-3 advised in August, 1950, that he had heard from TED KIRKPATRICK, Editor of "Counter Attack" that the Vice-President-in-Charge of Programs at C.B.S. was let go because of Communist leanings. T-3 could not elaborate on this statement and did not know the name of the Vice-President in question or the date his services were discontinued. //

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An index card is maintained in the indices of the New York Office containing information to the effect that in 1947, SOPHIE KERR UNDERWOOD, [redacted] was a contact of the League of American Writers. This information is not being set out in the details of this report because the source of this information is not identifiable to this office and because the significance of the word "contact" is unknown.

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It is to be noted that the League of American Writers has been cited by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order #9835.

Confidential Informant T-2 advised that, on many occasions during the past two years, he has observed TAYLOR in the company of NORMAN CORWIN and HESTER SONDERGAARD at the Barberry Room, Cocktail Lounge, 19 East 52nd Street. T-2 said that even though both CORWIN and SONDERGAARD are active in the radio field, he is of the opinion that TAYLOR'S association with CORWIN and SONDERGAARD is more than professional and considers their friendship to be close and intimate on the basis of the frequency of their association. T-2 said that he regards both CORWIN and SONDERGAARD as being Communist Party sympathizers in consideration of the many Communist Party fronts they have supported. T-2 said that he knew of no one other than persons prominent in the radio field who could substantiate these facts. T-2 mentioned that he believes most of the persons who could comment concerning TAYLOR are C.B.S. employees. T-2 said that WELLS CHURCH, better known as TED CHURCH, who is presently Head of the News Department at C.B.S. would be in a position to comment concerning TAYLOR'S activities and associations at C.B.S.

It is to be noted here that Reference MAX WYLIE, during the course of the interview with him, mentioned that TED CHURCH would be a good person to contact concerning TAYLOR'S relations with C. B. S.

In view of the fact that it appears that specific facts concerning TAYLOR'S activities and associations can be best obtained from C.B.S. personnel and representatives of radio stations, no efforts were

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made to develop this phase of the investigation in the absence of specific Bureau authority.

In the absence of substantiating facts relative to information furnished by T-2, this portion of the information furnished by him is being included in the administrative section of this report.

Confidential Informant T-3, of known reliability, who is well acquainted with Communist Party affairs, described NORMAN CORWIN as being a concealed Communist, one who does not hold himself out as a Communist and who would deny membership in the Party.

The "Daily Worker," dated April 17, 1946, Page 6, Column 3, listed NORMAN CORWIN, Radio Writer, as among fifteen new sponsors of the National Negro Congress. The "Daily Worker" is an East Coast Communist newspaper.

The May 25, 1946 issue of the "Welfare Reporter," the official organ of the local of the United Public Workers, C.I.O., of New York City, contained an article which stated that NORMAN CORWIN was to be one of the speakers at a rally of the Council of African Affairs. This rally was to be held on June 6, 1946, at Madison Square Garden.

An article appeared in the "World Telegram," a New York daily newspaper, dated November 15, 1946, captioned "Left-Wingers Help Spread Democracy at \$100.00 a Plate." This article stated that this dinner which was held at the Hotel Plaza, New York City, on November 15, 1946, was sponsored by the Committee For A Democratic Policy In The Far East. The article listed NORMAN CORWIN as one of the speakers at this dinner.

Confidential Informant T-13, of known reliability, advised in December, 1946, that NORMAN CORWIN was one of the speakers at the "Get Together With Russia" rally held at Madison Square Garden on December 2, 1946, under the auspices of the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship, Inc.

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Confidential Informant T-14, of known reliability, advised that NORMAN CORWIN had resigned from the Progressive Citizens of America because he did not want to be publicly associated with the WALLACE Campaign. The informant said that CORWIN expressed the desire and willingness to affiliate with a separate Committee of the National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions whose ideals would be identical with the Progressive Citizens of America, but would be on a more intellectual plane.

The informant further advised that CORWIN was selected to represent the field of radio in the Administrative Committee of the National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions.

Confidential Informant T-15, of unknown reliability, advised that NORMAN CORWIN, with Columbia Broadcasting System as of December, 1947, was one of the Board of Governors of the Institute for Democratic Education. The informant described CORWIN as being one of the outstanding Communist "fellow-travelers" connected with the above Institute. The informant further advised that CORWIN had been associated with numerous Communist front organizations in the past.

In the June 3, 1941 issue of the "New Masses," it was reported that NORMAN CORWIN and EARN ROBINSON wrote a skit called "The People, Yes," which was performed at the Fourth Writers Congress of the League of American Writers, held at the Commodore Hotel, New York City, June 6,7,8,1941.

The name of NORMAN CORWIN appears on the August, 1945 list as being one of the most active members of the Hollywood Writers Mobilization.

The National Negro Congress, The Council on African Affairs, Committee For A Democratic Policy in the Far East, The National Council of American-Soviet Friendship and the Hollywood Writers Mobilization all have been designated by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order #9835.

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The report of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, 78th Congress, 2nd Session, Appendix, Part 9, on Communist front organizations, with special reference to the National Citizens Political Action Committee, 5th Section, Page 1616, under the caption, "Statement by American Progressives On The Moscow Trials," which appeared in "New Masses," May 3, 1938, Page 19, and the "Daily Worker," an East Coast Communist Party publication, April 28, 1938, Page 4, listed the names of signers of this statement which supported the Moscow Trials. HESTER SONDERGAARD was named as one of the signers of this statement.

The name, HESTER SONDERGAARD, appears on a list of individuals, who in 1938, supported the Soviet Union in its action to free itself from internal dangers in connection with government killings of individuals who STALIN claimed were deserters and enemies of his regime. The above information was obtained from the statement of WALTER STEEL which is recorded in the reports of the Special Committee on Un-American Activities of the 75th Congress, 3rd Session.

The "Daily Worker" issue of March 5, 1944, under the caption, "Women For Victory Meeting at Carnegie," reported that the Committee of Women of the American Council of American-Soviet Friendship would hold a "Women For Victory" meeting at Carnegie Hall, New York City, on March 6, 1944. HESTER SONDERGAARD, actress, was reported as appearing in a dramatic sketch at this meeting.

This office is in receipt of a letterhead dated January 6, 1950, of the American Committee for Indonesian Independence (A.C. I.I.) 23 West 26th Street, furnished by Confidential Informant T-16, of known reliability, on January 10, 1950. The name, MARY E. TAYLOR, appears on the list of partial sponsors of this organization.

The address of the A.C.I.I., 23 West 26th Street, is the building owned by FREDERICK V. FIELD and occupied by numerous Communist front organizations, including The Council On African Affairs, which has been designated by the Attorney General as being within the purview of Executive Order

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No. 9835. The partial list of sponsors includes many names of known Communist sympathizers including Reverend STEPHEN A. FRITCHMAN, ZLATKO BALOKOVIC, DOROTHY K. FUNN, ABNER GREEN, JOSEPH P. SELLY and MAX YERGAN.

On July 21, 1947, approximately 450 persons picketed the Netherlands Consulate, New York City, carrying placards of the A.C.I.I., and a banner of the N.M.U. The placards denounced the Dutch War, Imperialism, opposed the United States aid to the Dutch and demanded Indonesian Independence.

In the absence of further identifying data concerning MARY E. TAYLOR, this information is being included in the administrative section of this report.

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CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

The identity of the Confidential Informants mentioned in the report of SA JAMES F. DONAHOE, at New York, dated September 6, 1950, are as follows:

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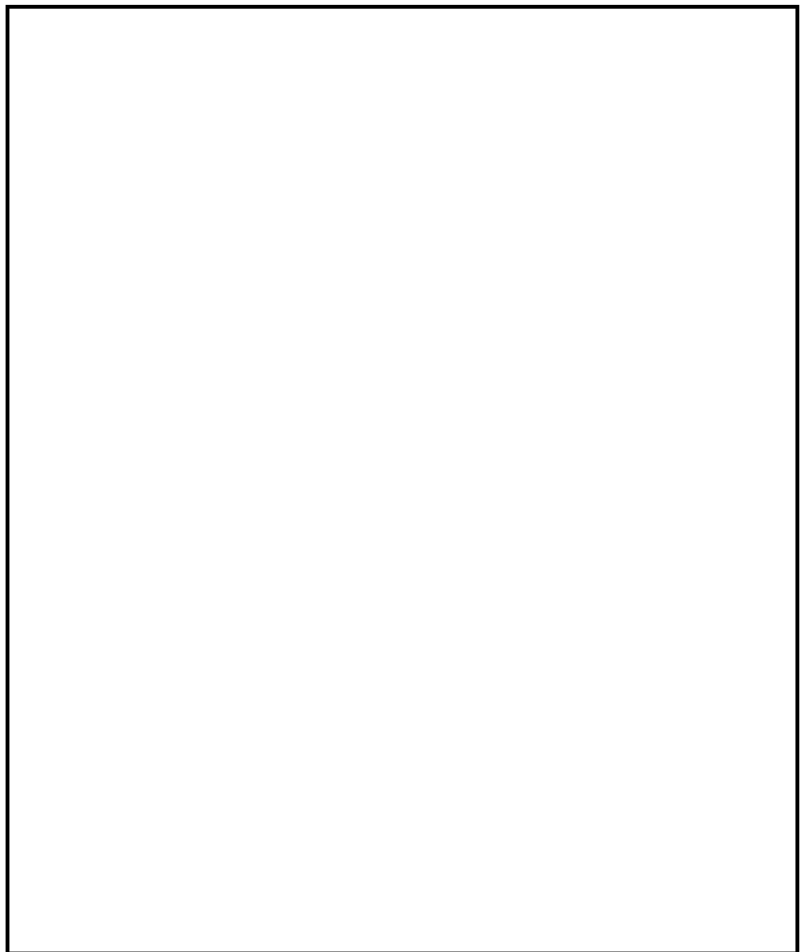
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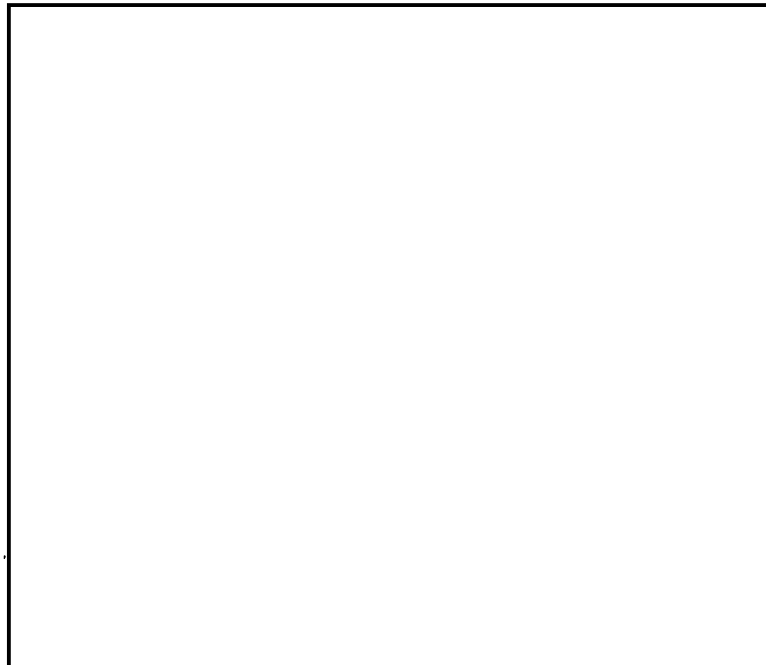
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Mr. Barrett said that Russia was spending more on efforts to jam voice broadcasts than this country is in airing the programs.

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JAMES DAVIDSON TAYLOR
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Report of Special Agent James F. Donahoe, dated September 27, 1950 at New York, New York.

Report of Special Agent Howard E. Trent, Jr., dated August 21, 1950 at Louisville, Kentucky.

Report of Special Agent James F. Donahoe, dated October 1, 1950 at New York, New York.

Report of Special Agent Howard E. Trent, dated October 6, 1950 at Louisville, Kentucky.

Report of Special Agent George A. Gunter, dated August 1950 at New Orleans, Louisiana.

Report of Special Agent Rex Ellis, dated August 18, 1950 at Los Angeles, California.

Report of Special Agent L. Russell Barry, dated August 31, 1950 at Washington, D. C.

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Mr. James E. Latcher
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Report of Special Agent Ernest E. Kuhnelt, dated August 23, 1950 at
San Antonio, Texas.

Report of Special Agent Rex Ellis, dated August 29, 1950 at Los
Angeles, California.

Report of Special Agent Edwin A. Klarecki, dated August 29, 1950 at
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Report of Special Agent in Charge G.B. Morris, dated September 1, 1950
at St. Louis, Missouri.

Report of Special Agent Joseph L. Kissiah, dated August 22, 1950 at
Knoxville, Tennessee.

Report of Special Agent William H. Hobbs, Jr., dated August 23, 1950
at Memphis, Tennessee.

Report of Special Agent Cassius Rathbun, dated August 22, 1950 at
Miami, Florida.

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TITLE JAMES DAVIDSON TAYLOR, aka Davidson Taylor			CHARACTER OF CASE SPECIAL INQUIRY-STATE DEPARTMENT Public Law 402, 80th Congress (VOICE OF AMERICA)

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

TAYLOR resided 330 East 43rd Street, NYC, from 10-1-35 to 9-30-37 but is unknown at that address. Investigation determined that TAYLOR became affiliated with Columbia Broadcasting Company, NYC, on 10-1-33; however, no information developed as to where he resided between 10-1-33 and 10-1-35. DAVIDSON TAYLOR, 330 East 43rd Street, NYC, registered ALP in 1937.

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REFERENCE:

Bureau file 123-5580
Bureau teletype to New York, 9-29-50
Report of SA JAMES F. DONAHOE, New York, 9-27-50.

DETAILS:

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK

Mrs. MARTION LAMBERSON, Personnel Assistant, Personnel Department, Columbia Broadcasting Company, 485 Madison Avenue, New York City, advised SA RICHARD R. HENDERSON that, according to her records, the only New York City address recorded for Mr. TAYLOR was 345 East 57th Street. She stated that on his employment application, dated October 1, 1933, he listed as his then address the Cumberland Apartments, Louisville, Kentucky. No other

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residence addresses appear on company record for Mr. TAYLOR

Reference, Mr. CHARLES HONCE, Assistant General Manager, Associated Press, Rockefeller Plaza, upon interview, stated that his personal records show that the TAYLORS lived at 330 East 43rd Street, New York City, prior to their living at 345 East 57th Street. He could locate no further addresses for Mr. and Mrs. TAYLOR and had no recollection of where TAYLOR lived when he became affiliated with the Columbia Broadcasting Company in 1933.

The following investigation was conducted by SA RICHARD R. HENDERSON:

Mr. HENRY E. LA FRENZ, Credit Manager, Tudor City Management Office, 25 Tudor City Place, which includes the address 330 East 43rd Street, ascertained from existing tenant lists that TAYLOR resided in the building at 330 East 43rd Street from October 1, 1935 to September 30, 1937. He explained that all other records of tenants prior to 1941 have been destroyed and no other information regarding TAYLOR'S residences prior to this address is available.

Mr. LA FRENZ, Mr. and Mrs. R. BANNARD, 330 East 43rd Street, Mr. LOUIS GRUSSO, Service Man for 330 East 43rd Street, and Mr. L. SPITZER, former Manager at 330 East 43rd Street and presently Resident Operating Manager for the Tudor City Development, all of whom were connected with or residents at 330 East 43rd Street during the time the TAYLORS lived there, were unable to recall him or anyone who might remember him.

Mr. ADRIAN OSTRANDER, Elevator Operator, 330 East 43rd Street, New York City, and Mr. WILLIAM JENNINGS, Manager, 330 East 43rd Street, were unable to identify anyone, other than persons referred to above, who might recall the TAYLORS.

The records of the Board of Elections, 400 Broome Street, New York City, were rechecked for the period prior to 1942 and reflected the following information:

For the period 1940 and 1941, DAVIDSON and MARY ELIZABETH TAYLOR registered in one of the two major political parties from 345 East 57th Street; in 1940 they indicated that they had last registered in 1936 from

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330 East 43rd Street. However, registrations appear for them in 1936 and 1937 from 330 East 43rd Street; in 1936 they registered with one of the two major political parties; in 1937 DAVIDSON TAYLOR registered in the American Labor Party and Mrs. TAYLOR registered with one of the two major parties. In his registration for 1936, DAVIDSON TAYLOR indicated that he had last registered in 1928 from Brookhaven, Mississippi, and MARY E. TAYLOR indicated that she had last registered in 1932 from Bedford, Indiana. No registration was located for either DAVIDSON or MARY ELIZABETH TAYLOR prior to 1936. These records further indicate that from 1942 to 1948, DAVIDSON TAYLOR registered in one of the two major political parties.

Regarding the American Labor Party, it is noted that this organization has been cited previously in referenced report of SA JAMES F. DONAHOE dated September 27, 1950 at New York.

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The records of the Board of Elections were reviewed by Special Employee CLINTON E. POLLOCK.

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

AUGUST 29, 1950

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JAMES DAVIDSON TAYLOR, AKA. REFERENCE BUFILE ONE TWENTY THREE-FIVE FIVE EIGHT ZERO. [REDACTED] 4638 b7D

[REDACTED] NYC, WELL KNOWN PRODUCER, RADIO ANNOUNCER WHO HAS BEEN A PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATE OF TAYLOR-S SINCE NINETEEN TWENTY EIGHT HAVING WORKED WITH TAYLOR AT [REDACTED] ADVISED HE DOES NOT CONSIDER TAYLOR GOOD SECURITY RISK. BASIS OPINION ON ACTIONS OF TAYLOR IN CONNECTION WITH TAYLOR-S DUTIES AS VICE PRESIDENT WITH CBS. [REDACTED] SINCE NINETEEN FORTY TWO [REDACTED] GOVERNOR DEWEY [REDACTED] DEWEY-S RADIO CAMPAIGN. IN JANUARY NINETEEN FORTY EIGHT, ARRANGED WITH TAYLOR TO HAVE EXCERPTS FROM GOVERNOR DEWEY-S OPENING ADDRESS TO THE NY STATE LEGISLATURE BROADCAST OVER CBS NETWORK. AFTER AGREEMENT HAD BEEN REACHED AS TO WHAT PORTION OF DEWEY-S SPEECH WOULD BE BROADCAST, [REDACTED] WHILE AT CBS, UNKNOWN TO TAYLOR, OBSERVED TAYLOR ACCOMPANY HENRY WALLACE INTO RECORDING ROOM AND BOTH LISTEN TO DEWEY-S SPEECH WHICH HAD NOT BEEN NATIONALLY BROADCAST, BUT SENT OVER LOCAL ALBANY STATION. EARLIER THE SAME DAY, PRESIDENT TRUMAN DELIVERED HIS STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS. THAT EVENING OVER CBS, EXCERPTS FROM GOVERNOR DEWEY-S ADDRESS AND EXCERPTS FROM PRESIDENT TRUMAN-S ADDRESS WERE BROADCAST OVER THE CBS NETWORK. THIS PROGRAM WAS FOLLOWED BY AN

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ADDRESS BY HENRY WALLACE AND THE COMMENTS OF TWO NEWS COMMENTATORS, EDWARD R. MURROW AND QUINCY HOWE. ACCORDING TO [] TAYLOR VIOLATED HIS ORIGINAL AGREEMENT IN PRESENTING THE EXCERPTS FROM GOVERNOR DEWEY-S SPEECH AND PRESENTED THE EXCERPTS FROM THE SPEECH WHICH DISTORTED THE COMPLETE CONTENT OF THE SPEECH. EXCERPTS WERE LIKEWISE TAKEN FROM PRESIDENT TRUMAN-S SPEECH WHICH TENDED TO PLACE DEWEY AND PRESIDENT TRUMAN IN AN UNFAVORABLE LIGHT. HENRY WALLACE IN TURN HAD THE BENEFIT OF COMPARING BOTH SPEECHES AND HAVING THE CONFLICTING STATEMENTS IN BOTH SPEECHES PROGRAMMED FOR COMPARISON BY THE LISTENING PUBLIC AND HAD THE ADVANTAGE OF SPEAKING TO THE RADIO AUDIENCE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE PRESENTATION OF BOTH SPEECHES. QUINCY HOWE IS REPORTED IN COMMENTING ON THE SPEECHES, TO HAVE REFERRED TO PRESIDENT TRUMAN AND GOVERNOR DEWEY AS "TWIDDLEDUM", AND "TWIDDLEDEE". [] ADVISED GOVERNOR DEWEY WAS FURIOUS AT THE MANNER IN WHICH HIS SPEECH WAS DESTROYED. [] IS OF THE OPINION THAT TAYLOR WAS PRIMARILY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS SITUATION WHICH HE FELT WAS ENGINEERED TO GIVE WALLACE A POLITICAL ADVANTAGE. [] RELATES THAT IN ALL HIS DEALINGS WITH CBS HE SENSED THAT THE POLICY OF CBS WAS OPPOSED TO GIVING RADIO TIME TO REPUBLICAN POLITICAL CAMPAIGN MATERIAL AND FAVORED "LEFT WING" GROUPS. [] STATES THAT HE BELIEVES THAT CBS IN PRESENTING PROGRAM MATERIAL IN PAST, HAS FOLLOWED COMMUNIST PARTY LINE. BASIS THIS CONTENTION SOLELY ON EXPERIENCE AS RADIO

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ANNOUNCER AND BECAUSE HE BELIEVES A NO. OF CBS PERSONNEL ARE COMMUNISTS OR COMMUNIST PARTY SYMPATHIZERS. [] SUSPECTS TAYLOR-S LOYALTY IN VIEW OF FACT HE HAS SEEN TAYLOR OFTEN, SOCIALLY IN THE COMPANY OF NORMAN CORWIN AND HESTER SONDERGARD WHOM HE CONSIDERS TO BE COMMUNISTS, OR FELLOW TRAVELLERS. [] STATES TAYLOR ENJOYS GOOD REPUTATION IN RADIO FIELD AND THAT HE IS ONLY PERSON ACQUAINTED WITH FACTS RELATIVE TO TAYLOR-S HANDLING OF THE SPEECHES. [] HAS ASKED THAT HIS NAME BE TREATED IN THE STRICTEST CONFIDENCE IN ORDER NOT TO JEOPARDIZE HIS POSITION IN RADIO. [] KNOWS OF NO OTHER PERSONS WHO COULD COMMENT CONCERNING TAYLOR, OTHER THAN WELLS CHURCH, PRESENTLY EMPLOYED AS HEAD OF NEWS DEPT. CBS. [] BELIEVES THAT TAYLOR WAS ASKED TO RESIGN FROM CBS BECAUSE OF LEFTIST TENDENCIES AND NOT BECAUSE OF ADMINISTRATIVE DISAGREEMENT AS REPORTED IN PRESS. BELIEVES THAT TAYLOR-S DISMISSAL IS IN LINE WITH PRESENT CBS POLICY IN GETTING RID OF EMPLOYEES WITH QUESTIONABLE LOYALTY. [] SAID THAT WHEN HE ORIGINALLY HEARD TAYLOR WAS BEING CONSIDERED FOR A POSITION WITH THE GOVERNMENT, THAT HE WOULD HAVE FURNISHED SENATOR IVES WITH THE INFO CONCERNING TAYLOR IF AN INVESTIGATION WAS NOT INSTITUTED. INFO DEVELOPED REFLECTING THEODORE KIRKPATRICK, FORMER BUREAU AGENT AND NOW

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EDITOR OF "COUNTER ATTACK" IN POSSESSION OF INFO CONCERNING TAYLOR-S
COMMUNIST ASSOCIATIONS. BUREAU REQUESTED TO ADVISE WHETHER INTERVIEWS
WITH CHURCH AND KIRKPATRICK DEEMED ADVISABLE.

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September 12, 1950

Director, FBI

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JAMES DAVIDSON TAYLOR, aka Davidson Taylor
SPECIAL INQUIRY - STATE DEPARTMENT
Public Law 402, 80th Congress
(VOICE OF AMERICA)
(Your file 123-3708)

SPECIAL DELIVERY

A review of the report of SA James F. Donahoe, dated September 6, 1950, at New York, New York, has been completed at the Bureau, and your office is being requested to conduct additional investigation concerning Taylor.

Paragraph 1 on page 9 of this report in part reads as follows:

"T-2 [] is also of the opinion that under Taylor's direction as Vice-President-in-Charge of the Programs, that certain programs broadcast over CBS have 'followed the Communist Party line.' T-2 said that it is his opinion that Taylor was forced to resign from CBS in keeping with a new policy at CBS, in getting rid of employees with Communist leanings."

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The facts on which [] has reached his conclusions or on which he bases his opinions are not set forth. The Bureau cannot quote him as saying that under Taylor some CBS programs have followed the Communist Party line without following through with questions as to what programs he refers. In addition, [] statement that Taylor, in his opinion, was released from CBS because of a policy of getting rid of employees with Communist leanings cannot be used in the details of the report unless it can be shown that [] has grounds for stating that such a policy does exist. These are opinions which bear as much on the reputation of CBS as they do on that of Taylor, and [] should be asked to back up his assertions on these two points.

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The fourth paragraph on page 13 of the administrative pages outlines data received from [] concerning Taylor's association with Norman Corwin and Hester Sondergaard. He alleges that Corwin and Sondergaard are Communist Party sympathizers. Thereafter, data pertaining to Corwin and Sondergaard are set out as found in your files. It is believed that these data should properly have been placed in the details of the report in connection with the reporting of the interview with []

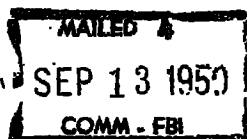
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You have indicated on page 13 of your report that specific parts

concerning Taylor's activities and associations can best be obtained from CBS personnel. You should immediately advise the Bureau of the additional persons at CBS who you believe should be interviewed in order to obtain complete data regarding applicant's associations which may have a bearing on his loyalty.

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Bureau authority to interview Mr. Wells (Ted) Church, head of the news desk at CBS, was previously withheld pending receipt of the result of your interview with Mr. Joseph Ream, CBS Vice President. Your report indicates that at least two persons recommended that Church be interviewed concerning Taylor's relations with CBS. Authority to interview Mr. Church is now being given you. The interview with him must be conducted by a mature and experienced Special Agent.

You have suggested the desirability of interviewing Theodore Kirkpatrick, editor of "Counterattack" magazine and a former Bureau Agent. The Bureau desires that you discreetly determine from Mr. Kirkpatrick whether he has any data he cares to furnish the Bureau pertinent to the investigation being conducted of Taylor under the provisions of Public Law 402, 80th Congress. The administrative pages of your report at page 12 indicate that Louis Budenz said that he had heard from Kirkpatrick that the CBS Vice President in Charge of Programs was let go because of Communist leanings. If Kirkpatrick brings this up he should be pinned down as to the basis for such a statement, and his replies should be set forth in the report.

You should resubmit your report in this case after the above-outlined investigation has been completed, and, as they may be of possible assistance to you, all of the copies of SA Donahoe's report except the original are being returned herewith to your office.

It is incumbent upon you to see to it that every person is interviewed who may have information pertaining to the loyalty of this applicant. Should a question arise concerning the desirability of interviewing any individual, you should communicate with the Bureau in the event you believe Bureau authority to be necessary as a prerequisite for interviewing such person.

The importance of completing this investigation without delay cannot be overemphasized. It must receive immediate and continuous investigative attention, and your report should be submitted to reach the Bureau not later than September 19, 1950.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TADT

FROM : A. ROSEN

SUBJECT: JAMES DAVIDSON TAYLOR
SPECIAL INQUIRY - STATE DEPARTMENT
Public Law 402, 80th Congress
(Voice of America)

DATE: August 7, 1950

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PURPOSE:

To advise of proposed instructions to the Field in connection with the investigation of James Davidson Taylor, a Voice of America applicant who from 1933 to approximately January of 1950 was employed as announcer and Vice-President with the Columbia Broadcasting System.

BACKGROUND:

In his application for employment with the VOA Section of the State Department Taylor gives the following information. He was born on February 26, 1907 in Shelbyville, Tennessee. In 1927 he received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Mississippi College, Clinton, Mississippi and in 1930 a Master of Theology degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Kentucky. From 1929 to 1933 he was employed as an announcer with Radio Station WHAS, Courier Journal, Louisville Times in Louisville, Kentucky. From 1933 to approximately January of 1950 he was employed as an announcer and Vice-President with the Columbia Broadcasting System in New York City. In 1944 and 1945 he was in the United States Army. Since January 1, 1950, he has been unemployed except as an unpaid consultant with the United States delegation to the 5th General Conference of the United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization in Florence, Italy.

INFORMATION IN BUREAU FILES ON TAYLOR:

The minutes of a meeting of the Executive Council of the Hollywood Writers Mobilization on March 28, 1946 reflects that Abe Polonsky, Secretary, reported on a conference he had had with Davidson Taylor, Program Director of CBS, on the Atomic Bomb series. Polonsky reported that Mr. Taylor expressed great interest in the series and promised to attempt to obtain time for the program, when he, (Taylor), returned to New York. Mr. Taylor requested that the series be outlined in a letter to him.

At a meeting of the Executive Council of the Hollywood Writers Mobilization held on April 18, 1946, Leon Meadow, Second Vice Chairman, reported that CBS had agreed to freeze radio time beginning in June for the Atomic Bomb series subject to network approval of six scripts to be submitted by May 15. It was reported by Meadow that the network, through Davidson Taylor, originally had requested 13 scripts in advance.

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Memo to Mr. Ladd

At a meeting of this organization in July 17, 1946, Howard Koch, Chairman, revealed that CBS had been briefed on the content and form of the Atom Bomb series, that the scripts had been sent to New York, and that Davidson Taylor had replied that the scripts were of a controversial nature and therefore, not acceptable.

The Hollywood Writers Mobilization, you will recall, was heavily infiltrated with Communist Party sympathizers and Communist Party members.
(100-102217-70)

You will recall that in a letter dated October 14, 1949; Mr. Davidson Taylor of CBS wrote the SAC of the Pittsburgh Office of the FBI advising that he, Mr. Taylor, had been informed that a representative of the FBI had called on Mr. Hayes, Program Director of WJAS at Pittsburgh, a CBS affiliate, to make inquiries concerning Stephen Laird, a CBS correspondent. Mr. Taylor stated that as Mr. Laird's employers they (CBS) were materially interested in the reason back of this inquiry regarding Laird and would appreciate information which the SAC was in a position to give concerning the inquiry. The Bureau did not answer Taylor's letter. [redacted]

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Washington Field Confidential Informant [redacted] made available a letter dated May 17, 1946 written by Taylor addressed to the Consul General of Yugoslavia at New York City, calling attention to the fact that Norman Corwin was being sent around the world on a mission of cultural interchange designed to advance good will, etc. The letter characterized Corwin as one of America's best radio writers, broadcasters and directors and stated that he desired to visit Yugoslavia, Russia, Poland and other countries while on his tour. The letter requested that Corwin be granted a visa in order to facilitate his travel through Yugoslavia. [redacted]

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Los Angeles Informant [redacted] reported in 1941 that Corwin was an instructor at the Hollywood Writers School, conducted by the League of American Writers which organization was designated by the Attorney General as within the purview of Executive Order 9835. Corwin is also known to have been active in several Communist front organizations and has associated with known Communists. [redacted]

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Memo to Mr. Ladd

A highly confidential source advised on January 19, 1947, that the name Davidson Taylor appeared in the address book of Myra Jordan who is known to have had in her possession numerous books and pamphlets on Communism and Marxism as well as letters from various Communist front organizations.

(100-340922-111, p.9-12)

REFERENCES AT THE COLUMBIA BROADCASTING SYSTEM:

Taylor has listed as a reference Arthur Judson, 113 West 57th Street, New York City, a music executive. In 1941 Arthur Judson was reported as president of the Columbia Concerts Corporation, New York City which is reported to be a wholly owned subsidiary of the Columbia Broadcasting System. The 1942-1943 edition of Who's Who in America lists Arthur Judson as a past president of the Columbia Broadcasting System.

By letter dated October 9, 1944, the New York Office advised that Mr. Arthur Judson had cooperated with this Bureau in the case entitled, "Rucase, Espionage - G". By letter dated October 19, 1944, to Mr. Arthur Judson the Director expressed his appreciation for cooperation rendered this Bureau by Mr. Judson.

Taylor also listed L. W. Lowman as a reference. L. W. Lowman is Vice-President at CBS. The Bureau files contain no derogatory information concerning Lowman.

OBSERVATION:

It is realized that Bureau policy is against interviews with representatives of the Columbia Broadcasting System. However, in view of Taylor's lengthy employment with CBS, namely from 1933 to approximately January of 1950, it is felt that it would be in the Bureau's interest to have the aforementioned references at CBS interviewed and to make inquiries at the Personnel Office of CBS, New York City regarding Taylor.

Persons outside the Bureau who are not fully acquainted with the facts might well fail to understand the Bureau's action in not conducting any interviews whatsoever at CBS in this particular case.

ACTION:

If approved, the following instructions will be issued to the Field. The New York Office will be instructed to have a well qualified, mature, experienced Special Agent interview Mr. L. W. Lowman, Vice-President of CBS, and Mr. Arthur

Memo to Mr. Ladd

Judson, an affiliate of CBS. This Special Agent is to advise both Mr. Lowman and Mr. Judson that they have been named as references by Mr. Taylor who is being investigated by this Bureau as an applicant for a position with the Voice of America Section of the State Department under the provisions of Public Law 402, 80th Congress. Both Mr. Lowman and Mr. Judson are only to be asked if they desire to volunteer any comments concerning Mr. Taylor. They are not to be questioned beyond this. The instructions are that a well qualified, mature, experienced Special Agent is to contact the Personnel Office at CBS in New York City for mere verification of Taylor's employment with CBS.

A handwritten signature or set of initials, possibly "JG", with a large checkmark above it.

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Room 5744

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TO:

☒ Director

☐ Mr. Ladd

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THIS REPUTATION OF HELLER. MR FINESHRIBER ALSO REFERRED TO MR. ARNOLD
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RECALLED THAT HE HAD BEEN UNFAVORABLY MENTIONED IN THE NEWSLETTER
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AUGUST 23, 1950

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LOUISVILLE REFLECTS ROBERT EMERSON, NOW CONNECTED WITH COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM, WAS FELLOW EMPLOYEE OF APPLICANT AT RADIO STATION
WVLS, LOUISVILLE, AND ROOMED WITH APPLICANT AT GREYSTONE APARTMENTS, FOUR
HUNDRED EIGHTEEN WEST ORMSBY, NINETEEN THIRTY-TWO THRU NINETEEN THIRTY-THREE.
MAY
INVESTIGATION ALSO INDICATES FANNY/BUTTERFIELD, PARK PLAZA, FIFTY WEST
SEVENTY-SEVENTH STREET, WAS MEMBER OF WH'S STAFF DURING PERIOD OF APPLICANT'S
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AUGUST NINE, BUFILE ONE TWENTYTHREE DASH FIVE FIVE EIGHT NAUGHT.
TAYLOR BORN FEBRUARY TWENTYSIX, NINETEEN SEVEN AT SHELBYVILLE,
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JAMES DAVIDSON TAYLOR, AKA, DAVIDSON TAYLOR, VOA. APPLICANT WHO FROM NINETEEN THIRTY-THREE TO THIS YEAR HELD POSITIONS FROM ANNOUNCER TO VICE PRESIDENT, COLUMBIA BROADCASTING SYSTEM, NYC, WAS EMPLOYED AS ANNOUNCER-WRITER, RADIO STATION WHAS, LOUISVILLE, NINETEEN TWENTY-NINE THRU NINETEEN THIRTY-THREE. INVESTIGATION LOUISVILLE INDICATES WILLIAM DURBECK, DDS, EIGHT HUNDRED THREE MEDICAL ARTS BUILDING, SAN ANTONIO, WAS FELLOW EMPLOYEE ON WHAS STAFF. BUREAU INSTRUCTS CASE TO BE ASSIGNED TO EXPERIENCED MATURE SPECIAL AGENTS AND INSTRUCTS OFFICES SHOULD BE MOST CIRCUMSPECT IN CONTACTS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF NEWSPAPERS AND RADIO STATIONS. BUDED AUGUST TWENTY-THIRD NEXT.

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JAMES DAVIDSON TAYLOR, AKA, VOA. REGULET. AUGUST NINTH LAST. MANAGER OF
RADIO STATION WMS DURING PERIOD APPLICANT EMPLOYED THERE AS NITE-ANNOUNCER
NINETEEN TWENTY-NINE TO NINETEEN THIRTY-THREE WAS W. LEE COULSON WHO NOW
RESIDES THREE HUNDRED TWENTY-FOUR ARDEN ROAD, SANTA BARBARA, CALIF. HANDLE.
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: October 4, 1950

FROM : SAC, New York

SUBJECT: JAMES DAVILSON TAYLOR, aka
Davidson Taylor
SPECIAL INQUIRY-STATE DEPARTMENT
Public Law 402, 80th Congress
(VOICE OF AMERICA)
Bufile 123-5580

Enclosed herewith is report of SA JAMES F. DONAHOE dated October 4, 1950 at New York in the above captioned matter.

It is to be noted that records of the Board of Elections, upon being rechecked for the period 1933 to 1942, reveal that the applicant registered A.L.P. in 1937. In view of this, the entire information reflected by the Board of Elections is being set out in the details of the enclosed report, whereas Board of Elections information from 1942 to 1948 regarding the applicant has been set out in the Administrative Section of SA DONAHOE'S report of September 27, 1950.

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DIRECTOR URGENT

JAMES DAVIDSON TAYLOR, VOA. BUFILE ONE TWO THREE DASH FIVE FIVE EIGHT NAUGHT. RE BUTEL SEPTEMBER TWENTY NINE LAST. INQUIRIES AT CBS REFLECT REVIEW OF PERSONNEL RECORDS IN EFFORT TO ASCERTAIN TAYLOR-S RESIDENCE ADDRESS FOR YEARS NINETEEN THIRTY THREE TO NINETEEN THIRTY SEVEN CANNOT BE EFFECTED UNTIL MONDAY AM. WELLS CHURCH AND WILLIAM H. FINESHRIEBER JR. UNAVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW. INVESTIGATION WILL CONTINUE MONDAY AM AND REPORT WILL BE SUBMITTED IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION. SEPTEMBER 29, 1950 URGENT

Transmit the following message to: SAC, NEW YORK CITY

JAMES DAVIDSON TAYLOR, VOA. REREP SA JAMES F. DONAHOE DATED SEPT. TWENTYSEVEN. ENDEAVOR DETERMINE RESIDENCE ADDRESSES OF TAYLOR, NEW YORK, NINETEEN THIRTYTHREE TO NINETEEN THIRTYSEVEN. CONDUCT NECESSARY NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION IMMEDIATELY AND SUREP. REFER PAGE EIGHT LINE FOUR SA DONAHOE'S REP WHERE TELLS CHURCH IS REPORTED TO STATE THAT PETER LYON WAS QUOTE A SCRIPT WRITER WITH THE CBS DOCUMENTARY UNIT WHO WAS SUSPECTED OF COMMUNIST PARTY LEANINGS ALTHOUGH NOTHING DEFINITE WAS PROVED CONCERNING HIM IN THIS REGARD UNQUOTE. SUTEL BUREAU FOR MODIFICATION THIS STATEMENT, WHO IT WAS SUSPECTED HIM, FOR WHAT REASON, AND WHETHER TAYLOR TOOK PART IN ANY DISCUSSIONS CONCERNING LYON'S LOYALTY. ALSO REFER PARAGRAPH TWO PAGE ELEVEN WHERE WILLIAM H. FINESHRIBER, JR. QUOTE MENTIONED THAT DOCUMENTARY UNIT OF CBS WAS CHALLENGED BECAUSE BOB HELLER WAS AFFILIATED AS SPONSOR UNQUOTE OF ORGANIZATIONS DECLARED TO BE SUBVERSIVE AND WHERE HE REFERRED TO ARNOLD PERL AS QUOTE ALSO SUBJECT TO ALLEGATIONS CONCERNING COMMUNIST AFFILIATIONS UNQUOTE. FOR ADDITION TO REPORT AT BUREAU SUTEL WHO IT WAS CHALLENGED HELLER'S LOYALTY AND MADE ALLEGATIONS CONCERNING PERL. ALSO WHETHER TAYLOR KNEW OF THIS. HANDLE AT ONCE.

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JAMES DAVIDSON TAYLOR, AKA, VOA. REBUFILE ONE TWO THREE DASH FIVE FIVE EIGHT NAUGHT. REFER TO PAGE THIRTYONE OF REPORT, THIS CASE, OF SA JAMES F. DONAHOE DATED SEPT TWENTYSEVEN AT NY. PARAGRAPH FOUR, LINE TEN, REFLECTS THAT INFT "T DASH EIGHT CONTACTED IN THE COURSE OF INST INVES, HAD NO INFO CONCERNING DAVIDSON TAYLOR." THE INFT SYMBOL SHOULD READ T DASH FIFTEEN. PLS CORRECT THIS FEATURE OF REPORT.

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JAMES DAVIDSON TAYLOR, AKA. VOA. BUFILE ONE TWENTY THREE FIVE FIVE EIGHT ZERO. REPORT BEING TRANSCRIBED, WILL BE SUBMITTED BUREAU SEPT TWENTY NINE NEXT.

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SAC, New York

August 11, 1950

Director, FBI

JAMES DAVIDSON TAYLOR, aka Davidson Taylor
SPECIAL INQUIRY - STATE DEPARTMENT
Public Law 402, 80th Congress
(VOICE OF AMERICA)

ReBulet August 9, 1950.

It is desired that the same Agent who conducts the interviews with Mr. L. W. Logan and Mr. Arthur Judson, references furnished by Mr. Taylor, also interview Mr. Joseph Ream, Executive Vice President of the Columbia Broadcasting System.

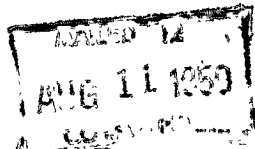
The instructions contained in Bureau letter of August 9, 1950 regarding the manner in which the interviews with the references at CBS should be conducted apply as well to the interview with Mr. Ream. For your information it is believed that Mr. Ream as Executive Vice President of CBS was the motivating force behind the discontinuance of Taylor's employment with the Columbia Broadcasting System.

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___ Mr. McGuire 5642	___ Mechanical B-114
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___ Mr. English 5627	

___ See Me ___ For Appropriate Action
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*It would be a good idea
 to have my office interview
 Mr. Joseph P. Ryan, Ex-
 Vice Pres. of CBS who is
 the man who let Taylor out
 & canned him*

L. B. Nichols

Room 5640, Ext 691

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JAMES DAVIDSON TAYLOR AKA VOA. BUFILE ONE TWO THREE DASH FIVE FIVE EIGHT ZERO. RPT WILL BE DICTATED SATURDAY AND WILL BE MAILED TO BUREAU MONDAY EVENING.

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

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JAMES DAVIDSON TAYLOR, VOA. REBULET AUGUST NINTH. STATE DEPARTMENT'S
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Mr. Dissly, 4708
Mr. Gearty, 5722
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Mr. Reynolds, 7645
Mr. Roach, 7649
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Mrs. Gray, 4638
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Miss Harrington, 7229
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Mr. Van Noy, 4651
Mr. Wood, 4651

For applicant James Davidson
Taylor since January 1, 1950
has been employed as an
unpaid consultant with
UNESCO in Florence Italy

SUPERVISOR

Would you please get
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the United Nations
in New York City in order
to verify this employment

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SEPTEMBER 19, 1950

Transmit the following message to: SAC, NEW YORK

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JAMES DAVIDSON TAYLOR, AKA, VOL. SEVENTEEN. BUREAU AUTHORITY
NOT GRANTED FOR INTERVIEW WITH EDWARD R. LINDON OR JOHN VINARY. ED CHESTER MAY BE
INTERVIEWED BY MATURE AND EXPERIENCED AGENT BUT IMPRESSION MUST NOT BE GIVEN THAT
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SAC U R G E N T

JAMES DAVIDSON TAYLOR, AKA, VOA. REURTEL SEPTEMBER EIGHTEEN. BUREAU
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MINARY. ED CHESTER MAY BE INTERVIEWED BY MATURE AND EXPERIENCED AGENT
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. LADD

FROM : MR. ROSEN

SUBJECT: JAMES DAVIDSON TAYLOR, aka Davidson Taylor
SPECIAL INQUIRY - STATE DEPARTMENT
Public Law 402, 80th Congress
(Voice of America)

DATE: September 19, 1950

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The New York Office has requested Bureau authority to interview Edward R. Murrow, John Minary and Ed Chester, all CBS employees. The purpose of this memorandum is to recommend that New York be given authority to interview Ed Chester, CBS Director of News, but not Edward R. Murrow or John Minary.

BACKGROUND

The attached teletype from the New York Office requests Bureau authority be granted to interview Edward R. Murrow, CBS news commentator, and Mr. John Minary, Director of William S. Paley Foundation. It states that they have been suggested as persons who have been closely associated with Taylor.

The New York Office also advised that Ted Kirkpatrick, Editor of Counter Attach, indicated that Mr. Ed Chester, present CBS Director of News, is violently anti-Davidson Taylor and anti-Communist in sympathies. New York requested authority also to interview Mr. Chester.

OBSERVATION

It is not seen that interviews with Edward R. Murrow or John Minary are necessary or that they would add anything to the picture concerning Taylor.

However, as it has been alleged that Ed Chester is anti-Communist and anti-Davidson Taylor, an interview with him might assist in determining the truth of the allegation that Taylor's resignation was not due solely to his dissatisfaction with a demotion given him at CBS, but rather to a CBS clean up of fellow travelers.

RECOMMENDATION

There is attached a proposed teletype granting New York authority to interview Mr. Ed Chester and denying authority to interview Edward R. Murrow and John Minary.

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WASHINGTON 65 FROM NEW YORK 19 10-35 P

DIRECTOR URGENT

JAMES DAVIDSON TAYLOR, AKA, VOA. REBUFILE ONE TWENTY-THREE DASH FIVE FIVE EIGHT NAUGHT. [REDACTED]

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CBS, CONFIDENTIALLY ADVISES THAT HE HAS RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM CBS, WASHINGTON OFFICE, THAT REPRESENTATIVE JOHN TABOR, REPUBLICAN, NY, ANTICIPATES QUESTIONING TAYLOR-S APPOINTMENT ON THE FLOOR OF THE HOUSE AND IN THIS CONNECTION HAS ASKED CBS TO FURNISH SCRIPTS FROM THE DOCUMENTARY UNIT OF CBS TO SUPPORT HIS QUESTIONING. [REDACTED] HAS ALSO HEARD OTHER PERSONS, IDENTITY UNKNOWN, ARE LIKEWISE BRINGING PRESSURE TO BEAR CONCERNING TAYLOR-S APPOINTMENT. IT IS [REDACTED] UNDERSTANDING THAT ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE EDWARD BARRETT IS AWARE OF THIS SITUATION AND INTENDS TO, OR HAS ALREADY TRANSFERRED TAYLOR TO A POSITION WITH UNESCO SO AS NOT TO EMBARRASS VOA. [REDACTED] MADE REFERENCE TO THE FACT THAT HE BELIEVES THAT TAYLOR WHILE AFFILIATED WITH CBS WROTE AN EXCEPTIONALLY CRITICAL LETTER TO THE FBI CONCERNING AN INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED BY THIS BUREAU. [REDACTED] FEELS THAT TAYLOR-S ATTITUDE MAY BE REFLECTED IN THIS LETTER. [REDACTED] RELIABLE INFO OF THIS OFFICE,

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ADVISES THAT HE HAS HEARD FROM UNDISCLOSED SOURCES THAT IN VIEW OF PRES-

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SURE BEING EXERTED TAYLOR HAS BEEN ADVISED THAT HIS VOA APPOINTMENT IS OF A LIMITED NATURE RATHER THAN ON A PERMANENT BASIS AS ORIGINALLY UNDERSTOOD. INVE TO DATE REFLECTS THAT THE PERSONS INTERVIEWED WHO QUESTIONED TAYLOR-S APPOINTMENT BASE THEIR OBJECTIONS SOLELY ON THE FACT THAT TAYLOR WHILE VICE PRESIDENT IN CHARGE OF PROGRAMS HAD EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION OVER THE SCRIPTS AND PERSONNEL OF THE DOCUMENTARY UNIT OF CBS WHICH WAS STAFFED BY PERSONS ACCUSED OF BEING COMMUNISTS AND WHICH BROADCAST SCRIPTS WHICH "FOLLOW THE COMMUNIST PARTY LINE." REMAINING INVE IN THIS CASE INCLUDES INTERVIEWING THREE INDIVIDUALS MENTIONED IN NY TEL TO BUREAU DATED SEPT EIGHTEEN LAST AND INTERVIEWS WITH FRANK WHITE, PRESIDENT OF THE MUTUAL BROADCASTING SYSTEM, AND BILL FEINSHRIBER, VICE PRESIDENT OF MUTUAL, BOTH ASSOCIATES OF TAYLOR AT CBS, WHO IT IS BELIEVED WILL BE IN A BETTER POSITION TO MAKE UNBIASED COMMENTS CONCERNING TAYLOR. BUREAU PERMISSION REQUESTED TO INTERVIEW WHITE AND FEINSHRIBER. REPORT BEING HELD PENDING RECEIPT OF BUREAU INSTRUCTIONS.

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WASHINGTON FROM NEW YORK 72 18 958 P
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JAMES DAVIDSON TAYLOR, AKA. VOA. BUFILE ONE TWENTY THREE DASH FIVE FIVE EIGHT ZERO. [REDACTED] WHO IS A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE OF THIS OFFICE, RECOMMENDS TAYLOR KNOWING NOTHING DEROGATORY. SUGGESTS THAT EDWARD R. MURROW, CBS NEWS COMMENTATOR AND FORMER V.P. OF CBS AND JOHN MINARY, DIRECTOR OF WILLIAM S. PALEY FOUNDATION, WHO WAS ASSOCIATE OF TAYLOR WHEN TAYLOR WAS EMPLOYED BY S.H.A.E.F., COULD FURNISH VALUABLE COMMENTS CONCERNING TAYLOR. TED KIRKPATRICK, EDITOR OF COUNTER ATTACK ADVISED THAT ED CHESTER, PRESENTLY CBS DIRECTOR OF NEWS, IS AN ADMITTED ANTI COMMUNIST AND IS UNDERSTOOD TO BE VIOLENTLY ANTI DAVIDSON TAYLOR. INDICES THIS OFFICE CONTAIN NOTHING DEROGATORY ON ABOVE. BUREAU AUTHORITY REQUESTED TO INTERVIEW THESE INDIVIDUALS. ALSO WAITING AUTHORITY TO INTERVIEW GEORGE CRANDAL PER REQUEST NY TEL TO BUREAU SEPT. FIFTEEN LAST. INVESTIGATION CONTINUING. REPORT WILL BE SUBMITTED FOLLOWING BUREAU INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING ABOVE MENTIONED. TED CHURCH, EDITOR IN CHIEF, NEWS DIVISION CBS, ADVISES TAYLOR ABOVE REPROACH AS TO CHARACTER, LOYALTY AND ASSOCIATIONS. ²⁹¹ STATES TAYLOR RESIGNED FROM CBS SOLELY ON DISAGREEMENT OVER ADMINISTRATIVE REORGANIZATION. RECORDED - 83

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

SUBJECT: JAMES DAVIDSON TAYLOR aka.
DAVIDSON TAYLOR
SPECIAL INQUIRY - STATE DEPARTMENT
PUBLIC LAW 402, 80th CONGRESS
VOICE OF AMERICA
(Bufile 123-5580)

DATE: September 15, 1950

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On September 11, 1950, [redacted] House of Representatives and presently [redacted] House of Representatives, advised Special Agent L. RUSSELL WHARRY of this office that the following information furnished by [redacted] was to be held in the strictest confidence.

Regarding his assertions concerning TAYLOR, [redacted] admitted they were all hearsay, he having obtained such information from "a high ranking Democrat" who was characterized as not knowing TAYLOR personally but who obtained his information from friends of TAYLOR and "others who know TAYLOR but are not so friendly." [redacted] said that this information was forwarded to him in the form of a memo and that he had procured it for "a high ranking Republican." He stated this Republican did not know the source of the information other than that [redacted] procured it.

[redacted] further stated that the contents of this memo reflected that his informant had concluded that while TAYLOR was probably not a Communist, he was "pink" and associated with many persons who were fellow travellers or were proponents of Communist ideologies. To what degree TAYLOR might be affected by these associations, the memo did not disclose nor did it contain any reference to the persons who had supplied information to [redacted] informant.

Because [redacted] was positive that his source of information would "dry-up" if revealed, he refused to furnish his informant's name even after being assured that the FBI would hold the source of its information in strictest confidence and would handle any subsequent interview with diplomacy. He also inferred that he feared political repercussions of varying degree were the informant's name to become known.

[redacted] further stated that "maybe TAYLOR would be all right for some other job but not one with the Voice of America where he could do the United States much damage." He insisted that he wished to help the FBI very much and was sorry he could furnish neither the name of his informant nor the names of any

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other persons who might know TAYLOR.

In this connection it is noted that [] was not in the least antagonistic toward this interview. He agreed to try to ascertain the names of some of the persons furnishing information re TAYLOR to his informant and inform the FBI as to their identities.

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Unless advised to the contrary no further investigation will be conducted and this case will be considered RUC.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

AUGUST 30, 1950

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PHILADELPHIA
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CC: WASHINGTON FIELD (BY SPECIAL MESSENGER)

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REPORT MADE AT St. Louis, Missouri	DATE WHEN MADE 9-1-50	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 8-31-50	REPORT MADE BY G. B. NORRIS, SAC BCK:mr
TITLE JAMES DAVIDSON TAYLOR, aka, Davidson Taylor			CHARACTER OF CASE SPECIAL INQUIRY-STATE DEPARTMENT Public Law 402, 80th Congress (VOICE OF AMERICA)

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Records AGO, CPRB, Department of the Army, St. Louis, Missouri, indicate **JAMES D. TAYLOR** employed by Office, Secretary of War, Washington, D. C., as Consultant to Secretary of War on 10-26-43. Terminated as same on 9-30-44 due to termination of excepted appointment. No efficiency rating. No derogatory information. Born 2-26-07 at Shelbyville, Tennessee.

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Reference: Bufile 123-5580.
Washington Field teletype 8-25-50.

Details: AT SAINT LOUIS, MISSOURI

A review of the personnel file, Civilian Personnel Records Branch, Adjutant General's Office, Department of the Army, on **JAMES D. TAYLOR** indicates that this individual was employed on October 26, 1943, as a Consultant to the Secretary of War with payment of actual transportation expenses and not to exceed \$10.00 per diem in lieu of subsistence and other expenses, but without other compensation, at the Office, Secretary of War, Joint Army and Navy Committee on Welfare and Recreation, Washington, D. C. This employment was terminated on September 30, 1944, as the same. The termination was by reason of termination of excepted appointment. There was no efficiency rating in the file. No derogatory information was contained in the file. The date and place of birth were shown as February 26, 1907, at Shelbyville, Tennessee.

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Investigation in this case was conducted by Special Employee
BILLY G. KIRTS.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Ladd *W*

FROM : A. Rosen *Rosen*

SUBJECT: JAMES DAVIDSON TAYLOR,
aka Davidson Taylor
SPECIAL INQUIRY - STATE DEPARTMENT
Public Law 402, 80th Congress
(VOICE OF AMERICA)

DATE: September 20, 1950

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As a final step in this investigation, the New York Office desires to interview Frank White, President of the Mutual Broadcasting System, and Bill Feinszriber, Vice President of Mutual, both formerly associated with Taylor at CBS. The purpose of this memorandum is to suggest that New York be granted authority to conduct these two interviews.

BACKGROUND:

The attached teletype from the New York Office requests Bureau authority to interview Frank White, President, Mutual Broadcasting System, and Bill Feinszriber, Vice President of Mutual, both of whom were formerly associated with Taylor at CBS. The New York Office states that these persons may be in a position to make unbiased comments concerning Taylor and that interviews with them will complete this investigation.

OBSERVATION:*G. I. R. -7*

In this teletype from New York, the results of an interview with George Crandall, Director of Press Information of CBS, are summarized. Crandall has stated that through the CBS Washington Office, he has learned that Representative John Tabor (R - NY) anticipates questioning Taylor's appointment on the floor of the House and that in this connection he has asked CBS to furnish scripts from the Documentary Unit of CBS to support his questioning. It appears that persons who object to Taylor's appointment base their objections on the fact that Taylor, while Vice President of CBS, had exclusive jurisdiction over scripts and personnel of the Documentary Unit there which was staffed by persons accused of being Communists and which broadcast scripts which "followed the Communist Party line."

It is Crandall's understanding that Assistant Secretary of State Edward Barrett is aware of Representative Tabor's intentions.

Crandall made reference, during the interview, to the fact that he believes that Taylor while affiliated with CBS wrote an exceptionally critical letter to the FBI concerning an investigation conducted by the Bureau. This probably refers to Taylor's letter in connection with the Stephen Laird Espionage investigation.

cc: Mr. Nichols

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Memorandum to Mr. Ladd

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that authority be granted the New York Office to interview Frank White and Bill Feinshriber, both of the Mutual Broadcasting System, concerning their knowledge of Mr. Taylor during their mutual employment with him at CBS. A proposed teletype granting such authority is attached hereto.

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NY FILE NO. 123-3708 JDS

REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE 9/27/50	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 8/14-18; 21-24, 29-31; 9/1, 14-16, 18-22/50	REPORT MADE BY JAMES F. DONAHOE
TITLE DAVIDSON TAYLOR aka: Davidson Taylor			CHARACTER OF CASE SPECIAL INQUIRY-STATE DEPARTMENT PUBLIC LAW 402, 80th CONGRESS (VOICE OF AMERICA)
AGENCY <i>photo-2/51</i> REQ. REC'D <i>4-13-57</i> REP'T FORW. <i>4-12-57</i> BY <i>ed-cek</i>			
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: DAVIDSON TAYLOR employed as announcer, Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS) 10/1/33. Resigned of own accord while holding position of Vice-President 12/31/49. Employment record clear. Executive Vice-President, CBS, Mr. JOSEPH REAM, advised that TAYLOR resigned over disagreement on new administrative setup and severed connections with CBS on friendly terms. Mr. REAM states he has tremendous respect for TAYLOR and that TAYLOR'S employment will be an asset to the US Government. Records, UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) reflect TAYLOR attended the Fifth Conference of UNESCO at Florence, Italy, May to June 1950 as non-salaried expert in field and mass communications. TAYLOR and family enjoy good reputation among neighbors. References recommend without qualification for position of trust and confidence. Describe TAYLOR as brilliant, capable executive, enjoying reputation above reproach as to character, loyalty and associations. Persons familiar with Communist attempts to infiltrate the radio industry advise that, because of the character of programs broadcast by the Documentary Unit of CBS, which in their opinions followed the CP line, and because the Documentary Unit was composed of alleged Communists and Communist sympathizers, they would question TAYLOR'S appointment to a position of trust with the US Government; they contend that TAYLOR was either unaware of			
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this condition or he condoned it; in either case, the existence of such a situation was indicative of TAYLOR'S lack of dependability for a sensitive position in the Government service; also they questioned reputation and affiliation of several employees of CBS News Division over whom TAYLOR had jurisdiction; likewise, are skeptical of TAYLOR on basis of TAYLOR'S association with persons considered to be pro-Communist. However, associates of TAYLOR describe him as fervent American who has no use for Communism and who acted in good faith in connection with his executive functions at CBS. Facts relative to TAYLOR'S possible associations with MYRA JORDAN, NORMAN CORVIN, HESTER SONDERGAARD and WERNER MICHEL, alleged to be Communist sympathizers, set out. Confidential sources advise it is assumed by some persons in radio circles that TAYLOR was forced to resign from CBS in keeping with recent CBS attempts to rid CBS of persons with questionable sympathies and affiliations; however, these allegations are unsubstantiated and, on basis of statements of CBS officials, are without foundation in fact. MARY ELIZABETH TAYLOR, TAYLOR'S wife, registered ALP in 1945. TAYLOR and wife enjoy good credit rating. No criminal record for TAYLOR or wife located in NYC.

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REFERENCES: Bureau file 123-5580.
Bureau letter to New York, 8/9/50.

DETAILS:

At New York, New York.

Employment.

The following significant article regarding TAYLOR'S resignation appeared in the December 21, 1949 issue of the newspaper, "New York Herald Tribune" under the heading "CBS CHANGES ORGANIZATION OF TOP PERSONNEL":

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A realignment of executive personnel of the Columbia Broadcasting System designed to effect greater coordination of radio and television network operations was announced yesterday by FRANK STANTON, President of the network. Mr. STANTON also said that as a result of the increasing activity of CBS' developed shows, the network is divorcing the business management functions of the Program Department from operations.

At the same time, he disclosed that DAVIDSON TAYLOR, Vice-President in Charge of Public Affairs, is resigning because of Mr. TAYLOR'S feeling that he could not work effectively under the plan of reorganization.

Mrs. MARION LAMBERSON, Personnel Assistant, Personnel Department, Columbia Broadcasting Company, (C.B.S.), 485 Madison Avenue, advised that the records reflected that JAMES DAVIDSON TAYLOR was employed as an announcer on October 1, 1933. As of January 22, 1944, TAYLOR, who was then Assistant Director of Programs, was granted a leave of absence for a special assignment out of the country. On October 8, 1945, TAYLOR returned and was appointed Vice-President and Director of Programs. TAYLOR resigned this position December 31, 1949 and went off the payroll records on June 30, 1950. TAYLOR'S date and place of birth were reflected in the records as February 26, 1907, Shelbyville, Tennessee. It was likewise indicated that TAYLOR was married and was [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Nothing derogatory concerning TAYLOR was contained in the records.

Mr. JOSEPH REAM, Executive Vice-President, Columbia Broadcasting Company, advised that he has been professionally associated with TAYLOR since 1934. Mr. REAM mentioned that TAYLOR was originally employed by CBS on the basis of TAYLOR'S winning a Philharmonic Award offered by CBS while TAYLOR was employed by Radio Station WHAS, Louisville, Kentucky. TAYLOR was employed as an announcer and in a short time was placed in charge of the Music Department, and later was appointed Assistant Director of Programs.

In 1944, Mr. WILLIAM S. PALEY, then President of CBS, was appointed to a position with the Office of War Information abroad, and asked TAYLOR to accompany him as his assistant. TAYLOR accepted, was granted a leave of

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absence, and was closely associated with Mr. PALEY, who was assigned to SHAEF as a commissioned officer during the period 1944-1945. TAYLOR was assigned to General DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER'S headquarters in Europe as Radio Chief of the Psychological Warfare Division.

TAYLOR returned to CBS in October, 1945, and was promoted to the position of Vice-President in Charge of Programs. In late 1947, Mr. EDWARD R. MURROW, who was then Vice-President in Charge of Public Affairs, resigned his position and was replaced by TAYLOR who continued his employment with CBS as Vice-President in Charge of both the Program Department and the Public Affairs Department.

TAYLOR continued in this capacity until December, 1949, when the Executive Board at CBS reorganized the administration setup and combined the Program and Public Affairs Departments. Mr. HUBBELL ROBINSON, JR., was appointed Vice-President in Charge of both these departments, and TAYLOR was relegated to the position of assistant to Mr. ROBINSON. TAYLOR was not willing to accept his new assignment and looked upon it as being a demotion. When the Executive Board at CBS refused to change the new policy, TAYLOR accordingly submitted his resignation which was accepted.

According to Mr. REAM, TAYLOR severed his connection with CBS on the friendliest terms and went abroad to Europe for a vacation. Mr. REAM described TAYLOR as being a brilliant, intellectual individual for whom he had tremendous respect. Mr. REAM further characterized TAYLOR as being possessed of the highest integrity and made reference to the fact that TAYLOR enjoyed an unimpeachable reputation in the radio field.

Mr. REAM related that TAYLOR had often told him that he thought of returning to public life, feeling that he could contribute more to humanity by so doing. However, Mr. REAM advised against it, maintaining that TAYLOR'S services were too valuable to be lost by CBS. Mr. REAM recalled that he met TAYLOR when TAYLOR was assigned with SHAEF and he was impressed with the highly confidential work TAYLOR was engaged in and believed that this assignment, in itself, was indicative of the fact that TAYLOR could be trusted in a position of confidence.

Mr. REAM said that the only flaws in TAYLOR'S personality were his inflexibility and pride, as demonstrated by TAYLOR'S refusal to accept the decision of the Executive Board of CBS in connection with the new administration policy. It is Mr. REAM'S contention that TAYLOR'S employment by the United States Government is the country's gain and CBS' loss.

Miss IRENE SHEPANSKI, Secretary to the Personnel Manager, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, (UNESCO), 405 East 42nd Street, advised that DAVIDSON TAYLOR attended the Fifth General Conference of UNESCO, held in Florence, Italy, May to June 1950, as an expert in the field of mass communications. Miss SHEPANSKI stated that TAYLOR volunteered his services while on vacation in Italy and was not a salaried employee of UNESCO.

Mr. EDWARD L. SAXE, Comptroller, CBS, advised SA C. KEE SNOEYENBOS that he has known DAVIDSON TAYLOR for a number of years. Mr. SAXE said that TAYLOR began his career at CBS as an announcer and served in the Government service during the war and when he returned to CBS thereafter, became Vice-President in Charge of Programs.

Mr. SAXE said that TAYLOR recently resigned his position at CBS in order to obtain a position elsewhere. Mr. SAXE said that he is convinced that the reason DAVIDSON TAYLOR left CBS was because of a difference with the officials of the network over policy matters. Mr. SAXE said that TAYLOR was convinced that the network should devote more of its efforts in the field of public service broadcasts. In this policy, he ran counter to the fundamental fact that CBS is a profit-seeking business enterprise. TAYLOR, being a man of strong determination and purpose, could not agree with the top officials of CBS in this regard and TAYLOR accordingly resigned. Mr. SAXE said he is convinced that if TAYLOR had been inclined to yield a little, he could have remained at CBS where he was paid a much higher salary than he can command in the Government service. Mr. SAXE said he is convinced he was willing to make this financial sacrifice because of a personal desire to devote his talents in channels where they would contribute more to the service of the public.

Mr. SAXE said he has had the opportunity of observing TAYLOR'S activity in this regard. On numerous occasions, Mr. SAXE said he has had controversies with TAYLOR because of the fact TAYLOR desired to produce programs

which were not income yielding and which would cost the network large sums. He said that in such controversies he has noted the remarkable frankness and personal integrity of DAVIDSON TAYLOR who fought hard for his ideas but never used under-handed methods to accomplish his purposes. Mr. SAXE said that his opinion of TAYLOR'S personal integrity and honesty is such that he is convinced that, if TAYLOR were possessed of any Communist sympathies, he would make no effort to conceal them. TAYLOR is a man, Mr. SAXE said, of profound convictions which are, in Mr. SAXE'S opinion, thoroughly American. Mr. SAXE added that TAYLOR is a man of complete personal integrity, reliability and loyalty. TAYLOR is not weak or easily led, Mr. SAXE said.

Mr. SAXE further advised he knows of no subversive or Communist affiliations on the part of DAVIDSON TAYLOR. Mr. SAXE recommended TAYLOR for appointment to the Government service without reservation.

Mr. EDMUND CHESTER, Director of the News Division, CBS, advised that he originally met TAYLOR when he, Mr. CHESTER, was in charge of the News Division at Radio Station WHAS, Louisville Courier Journal, Louisville, Kentucky. Mr. CHESTER resumed his professional associations with TAYLOR in 1940 when Mr. CHESTER was employed by CBS. Mr. CHESTER is also acquainted with TAYLOR'S wife, MARY ELIZABETH TAYLOR, having worked with her at the Louisville Courier Journal and at the Associated Press. Mr. CHESTER has had limited social contacts with TAYLOR and his wife.

Mr. CHESTER said that he regards TAYLOR as being possessed of the highest character and integrity and considers him to be a thoroughly honest individual. Mr. CHESTER said that, because of TAYLOR'S special talents in the radio field, he should prove to be a valuable employee of the United States Government. Mr. CHESTER further remarked that he considered TAYLOR to be a thoroughly loyal and patriotic American and knew of nothing which reflected on TAYLOR'S loyalty, character or associations. Mr. CHESTER mentioned that, on the basis of his associations with Mrs. TAYLOR, she likewise impressed him favorably.

Mr. WELLS (TED) CHURCH, Editor in Chief, CBS, News Department, advised that he has been professionally and socially acquainted with DAVIDSON TAYLOR since TAYLOR'S original employment with CBS in 1933. Mr. CHURCH is

also acquainted with MARY ELIZABETH TAYLOR. Mr. CHURCH described TAYLOR as being an extraordinarily honest man and one of the finest Americans he has ever known. Mr. CHURCH said that TAYLOR is possessed of complete honesty and integrity and that he considers TAYLOR "to be honest to a fault". Mr. CHURCH added that he has not the slightest doubt as to TAYLOR'S loyalty and patriotism and wished to recommend TAYLOR without reservation for a position of trust and confidence with the United States Government.

Mr. CHURCH related that TAYLOR, in the course of his administrative functions at CBS, never favored Communists or allowed Communists or "fellow travelers" to utilize the facilities of CBS for purposes of Communist Party propaganda. On the contrary, Mr. CHURCH stated that TAYLOR was ever conscious of any Communist attempts to infiltrate CBS and made serious efforts to see that all programs on CBS were in no sense Communistically tainted and adhered strictly to objective news reporting and were unbiased in their presentation.

Mr. CHURCH pointed out that this disposition on the part of TAYLOR is best exemplified by the following:

During the period when TAYLOR was Vice-President of Programs, he was Executive in Charge of the News Department which was the largest department in the CBS administrative setup. TAYLOR was also Executive in Charge of the Documentary Unit. During the period TAYLOR was Vice-President in Charge of Programs, Mr. CHURCH was Director of the News Department. Mr. CHURCH said that it was inconceivable to him to regard TAYLOR as anything but a loyal American devoid of any Communist sympathies in view of the fact he, Mr. CHURCH, was Radio Director of the National Republican Committee from 1940 to 1948 and had exclusive jurisdiction over the administration of the News Department subject only to TAYLOR. In this connection, Mr. CHURCH remarked that TAYLOR at no time ever gave any orders, ever questioned his judgment or ever interfered with Mr. CHURCH'S handling of the news. Mr. CHURCH concluded that if TAYLOR had any but thoroughly American sympathies, he would not allow a man with Mr. CHURCH'S background, who was an active supporter of the Republican Party and an ardent supporter of the conservative forces in America today, to have exclusive and autonomous control of the CBS News Division. Mr. CHURCH said that "the questioning of DAVIDSON TAYLOR'S handling of the News Division of CBS should revert directly to TED CHURCH".

Relative to TAYLOR'S administration of the Documentary Unit at CBS, Mr. CHURCH advised that although he had no direct connection with this section,

TAYLOR did call upon him on occasions to pass upon radio scripts when there was any question as to the context of these scripts which may have contained slanted political views. In particular, Mr. CHURCH recalled that PETER LYON, a script writer with the CBS Documentary Unit who was suspected of Communist Party leanings although nothing definite was proved concerning him in this regard, was assigned to write a script dealing with the lives and activities of congressmen in Washington. PETER LYON went to Washington, gathered his material and submitted his script which was reviewed by Mr. CHURCH on TAYLOR'S request. Mr. CHURCH mentioned that, in this instance, he found no questionable material in the script and in fact found it thoroughly American and particularly favorable to the American system and to congressmen in general. In other instances, Mr. CHURCH said that he has made suggestions concerning scripts and his recommendations have been abided by because his judgment concerning the recognizing of Communist Party propaganda was highly regarded.

Mr. CHURCH made reference to TAYLOR'S recent resignation from CBS, stating that TAYLOR resigned solely over a disagreement concerning administrative policy. Subsequently, Mr. CHURCH said, it had been an established policy of Mr. WILLIAM S. PALEY, Chairman of the Board, CBS, to engage in routine administrative shake-ups, feeling that they made for greater efficiency. Prior to January 1950, Mr. HUBBELL ROBINSON, JR. was placed over TAYLOR in the administrative setup and TAYLOR took exception to this decision. Mr. CHURCH said that Mr. HUBBELL ROBINSON, JR. is considered to be more commercial-minded than TAYLOR, whom he described as being more public spirited. These qualities of both Mr. ROBINSON and TAYLOR were expressed in their work. Mr. CHURCH felt that TAYLOR believed that he had demonstrated his commercial effectiveness by promoting such popular and remunerative programs as "My Friend Irma" and "Life with Luigi" and that he took exception when these facts were not considered in connection with the new appointments.

Mr. CHURCH, in recommending TAYLOR, advised that he never had any reason to doubt TAYLOR'S associates and felt that, on the basis of TAYLOR'S experience in the radio field, he was an excellent choice for employment by Voice of America.

Mr. GEORGE CRANDALL, Director of Press Information, CBS, advised that he has been professionally associated with TAYLOR for approximately twelve years, stating that TAYLOR hired him when he, Mr. CRANDALL, was first employed by CBS.

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Mr. CRANDALL described TAYLOR as being an able, sensitive, creative, intelligent individual possessed of unquestioned integrity and the highest ideals. Mr. CRANDALL described TAYLOR as being "a brilliant program man and program builder", and further stated that "TAYLOR should be a terrific asset in producing programs Voice of America would want". Mr. CRANDALL said that he would never question TAYLOR'S loyalty to the United States and, on the basis of his association with TAYLOR, he never knew TAYLOR to associate with Communists or persons of questionable loyalty. Mr. CRANDALL recommended TAYLOR for a position of trust and confidence with the United States Government with the following reservation:

Mr. CRANDALL stated that, during the course of his association with TAYLOR, he has had the opportunity to observe TAYLOR'S "keen sense of fairness", evidenced by TAYLOR'S refusal to be influenced by gossip, rumor or unsubstantiated allegations concerning any individuals, requiring absolute proof before taking any action against them. As a result of this disposition of TAYLOR, Mr. CRANDALL would seriously weigh TAYLOR'S appointment to a sensitive position in light of the critical world situation. Mr. CRANDALL feels that TAYLOR'S sense of fairness may make TAYLOR too tolerant of persons with whom he may work, who, because of questionable loyalties and associations, might later be proved to be poor security risks.

Mr. CRANDALL, in referring to TAYLOR'S resignation from CBS, stated unequivocally that TAYLOR'S severing of his connections with CBS arose solely over TAYLOR'S disagreement with the new reorganization policy at CBS.

Mr. FRANK WHITE, President, Mutual Broadcasting Company, 1440 Broadway, advised that he has been professionally associated with TAYLOR since 1937 during which time he has also met TAYLOR and his wife on a casual social basis.

Mr. WHITE said that he holds TAYLOR in the highest regard "as being a serious-minded individual of old American stock". Mr. WHITE said that, if he were in a position to hire individuals for employment with Voice of America, he would definitely employ TAYLOR, whom he regarded as being peculiarly adapted for any such employment, on the basis of TAYLOR'S professional qualifications, background experience, and personal qualities. Mr. WHITE said he spoke advisedly because of his associations with TAYLOR, explaining that he was Vice-

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President at CBS during TAYLOR'S employment with CBS and had many close professional dealings with TAYLOR in connection with the operations of CBS short-wave broadcasts over which Mr. WHITE had charge.

Mr. WHITE described TAYLOR as possessing "a real sense of public responsibility, being an individual who has arrived at a happy medium, tempering a high idealism with practical, cold, logical considerations". Mr. WHITE further characterized TAYLOR as being "a firm believer in the American way of life and a fervent American".

Mr. WHITE indorsed TAYLOR without qualification for a position of trust and confidence with the United States Government.

Mr. WILLIAM H. FINESHRIEBER, JR., Vice-President in Charge of Programs, Mutual Broadcasting Company, advised that he has been professionally associated with DAVIDSON TAYLOR for a period of twelve years and during that time has been an intimate social acquaintance of TAYLOR. Mr. FINESHRIEBER explained that he was an associate of TAYLOR at CBS when TAYLOR was Executive in Charge of the Music Department. Mr. FINESHRIEBER succeeded TAYLOR as head of that Department. Mr. FINESHRIEBER said that he also succeeded TAYLOR as Assistant Executive in Charge of the Programs Department at CBS when TAYLOR was made Vice-President in Charge of the Programs Department. In this capacity, Mr. FINESHRIEBER was second in command of the CBS Programs Department and prior to his resignation from CBS on July 15, 1949, was General Manager of Programs.

Mr. FINESHRIEBER said that he had well-formed impressions concerning TAYLOR based on his associations with TAYLOR. Mr. FINESHRIEBER said that TAYLOR impressed him as being an extremely hard-working, independent political thinker, whose loyalty to the United States was unquestioned. Mr. FINESHRIEBER stated that TAYLOR enjoyed an enviable reputation as to character and integrity and that TAYLOR "was a strong proponent of political freedom and believed that a man had a right to say what he thought". Mr. FINESHRIEBER added that TAYLOR "had absolutely no use for Communism and was devoid of any Communist leanings".

Mr. FINESHRIEBER commented concerning TAYLOR'S artistic temperament and made reference to TAYLOR'S strong urges in the field of art and music. Mr. FINESHRIEBER said that it was significant to note that TAYLOR was "fully imbued with the philosophy that truth was the best propaganda line" and stated

that TAYLOR "had strong prerogatives about the press telling the actual story".

Mr. FINESHRIBER was of the opinion the following facts would explain his impressions of TAYLOR:

Mr. FINESHRIBER mentioned that the Documentary Unit of CBS was challenged because BOB HELLER, who was an Executive Producer for CBS and Head of the Documentary Unit at one time, was affiliated as a sponsor or supporter of certain organizations which were declared to be subversive by the Attorney General. Such affiliation, however, pre-dated the Attorney General's citations concerning the organizations. Mr. FINESHRIBER also referred to Mr. ARNOLD PERL, who was a writer and contributor to the Documentary Unit and who was also subject to allegations concerning Communist affiliations. Mr. HELLER and Mr. PERL, among others, created a situation whereby the Documentary Unit of CBS was alleged to have produced and broadcast programs which followed the Communist Party line and was subject to suspicion because of questionable associations of persons connected with it.

Mr. FINESHRIBER said no action was taken concerning these persons because basically all of them were qualified artists and competent in the field. He pointed out that persons so gifted with literary talent cannot be judged by common standards in view of their artistic temperament. This is evidenced by their propensity toward supporting numerous types of causes without questioning the basic purposes of such causes and being mainly motivated and acting impetuously without any serious forethought. In the absence of positive proof concerning a person's disloyalty to the United States, it would be unjust to act against them. Mr. FINESHRIBER said that any of the material prepared by the Documentary Unit at CBS was read by TAYLOR, Mr. WILLIAM S. PALEY, who was at that time President of CBS, Mr. FRANK STANTON, President, himself and others and that it was agreed that they were "pretty strongly in the American tradition and if any of the Communist Party line theories appeared in any of the programs, they occurred as a result of nearsightedness on the part of those reviewing the script".

Mr. FINESHRIBER further remarked that if any of the context of the programs could be definitely identified as following the Communist Party line, then it resulted either from TAYLOR and the others who reviewed the scripts, including himself, not recognizing the questionable material, or else what was interpreted as being the Communist Party line was actually in the best

democratic principles which are oftentimes exploited by the Communists.

Mr. FINESHRIBER advised that he would recommend TAYLOR without qualification for a position of trust and confidence with the United States Government. Mr. FINESHRIBER remarked that concerning TAYLOR'S associations, some doubts may be entertained because of TAYLOR'S association with BOB HELLER and Mr. ARNOLD PERL and others who have been accused of Communist sympathies. Mr. FINESHRIBER made particular reference to Mr. NORMAN CORWIN, whom he said was a personal friend of TAYLOR and was also a mutual acquaintance of his. Mr. FINESHRIBER remarked that it has generally been rumored that Mr. NORMAN CORWIN was affiliated with a number of organizations declared to be subversive by the Attorney General and that Mr. CORWIN would possibly be considered a questionable associate by some persons. However, Mr. FINESHRIBER discounted this conclusion, stating that Mr. CORWIN, although he has made no public statement, has long disaffiliated himself from any of these groups and in Mr. FINESHRIBER'S mind is a loyal American. 719

Mr. FINESHRIBER stated he would not question TAYLOR'S association with Mr. CORWIN or other persons TAYLOR associated with, explaining that in most instances, the association arose solely out of professional dealings and that TAYLOR has demonstrated to him that his loyalty to the United States is above reproach.

Neighborhood.

Mr. JOSEPH HANKO, superintendent, apartment house, 345 East 57th Street, advised that TAYLOR has rented an apartment on the premises from 1937 to date. According to Mr. HANKO, TAYLOR, his wife [REDACTED] are regarded as highly respectable tenants and enjoy an excellent reputation with the management. Mr. HANKO described the TAYLORS as being a quiet, reserved family who did not associate with any other tenants in the building. Mr. HANKO explained that he knew of no tenants presently residing in the apartment house who could comment concerning TAYLOR or his family, other than Mrs. D. H. ELDER who occupied the apartment next to TAYLOR.

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Mr. L. P. HAMMOND, doorman, 345 East 57th Street, stated that on the basis of his observations of TAYLOR, he considered him to be a reputable individual possessed of good habits. Mr. HAMMOND mentioned that he knew no tenants presently residing in the apartment house who could comment concerning

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TAYLOR or his family. Mr. HAMMOND advised that TAYLOR'S friends and associates were mostly persons in the radio field.

Mrs. D. H. ELDER, tenant, [REDACTED] advised that, on the basis of a casual, neighborly acquaintance with the TAYLOR family, she regarded them as being respectable, desirable neighbors.

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Mr. CHARLES HONCE, Assistant General Manager, Associated Press, Rockefeller Plaza, described TAYLOR as being "the finest man he has ever known". Mr. HONCE explained that he has known TAYLOR for a period of from fifteen to twenty years and met TAYLOR through TAYLOR'S wife, MARY ELIZABETH, nee PLUMMER, who worked as a reporter on the Louisville Courier Journal, and was later hired by Mr. HONCE as a reporter with the Associated Press. Mr. HONCE said that he has been intimately acquainted with TAYLOR and his wife since 1933 when TAYLOR came to New York City.

Mr. HONCE described TAYLOR and his wife as being an ideal couple. He characterized TAYLOR as being a perfect gentleman who enjoys a reputation above reproach. Mr. HONCE gave TAYLOR an unqualified recommendation as to character, loyalty and associations.

Mr. LAWRENCE W. LOWMAN, Vice-President, CBS, stated that he did not know anyone he could trust more than TAYLOR. Mr. LOWMAN described TAYLOR as being an individual possessed of the highest integrity. He mentioned that TAYLOR resigned "under no cloud" from CBS. Mr. LOWMAN said that TAYLOR'S employment would be an asset to the Government because TAYLOR never thinks of himself, holding the best interests of his country foremost in his mind. Mr. LOWMAN described TAYLOR as being possessed of the highest values, a wide scope of Americanism and a sincere interest in the rights of man.

Mr. LOWMAN described TAYLOR as being a well-educated, well-grounded executive possessed of an exceptional sense of organization. Mr. LOWMAN recommended TAYLOR without reservation for a position of trust and confidence with the United States Government.

Mr. MAX WYLIE, executive, William Estey Advertising Company, 100 East 42nd Street, prefaced his comments concerning TAYLOR by saying that "he

was extraordinarily fond of TAYLOR". Mr. WYLIE said that he originally met TAYLOR in 1933, when both he and TAYLOR were employed at CBS. Since then, Mr. WYLIE has continued a close friendship with TAYLOR and he and Mrs. WYLIE stood up for TAYLOR and his wife when they were married. Mr. WYLIE mentioned that he and TAYLOR had two things in common which accounted for their close friendship, namely, both being employed in the radio field and both being sons of ministers.

Mr. WYLIE described TAYLOR as being a born administrator, a great executive, a keen analyst, an accurate appraiser of men and situations and an enormously diplomatic individual. Mr. WYLIE said that TAYLOR possesses an acute and rare intelligence and that his morals are impeccable.

Referring to TAYLOR'S theological background, Mr. WYLIE mentioned that TAYLOR is an ordained Baptist minister and has, in the past, actually officiated at marriages and funerals. Because of this background, Mr. WYLIE felt that TAYLOR, in a sense, was morally incorruptible. It was Mr. WYLIE'S understanding that TAYLOR continued in the field of radio in preference to the ministry, because "he lost his appetite for conventionalism in the pulpit and religion".

Mr. WYLIE referred to TAYLOR'S associations at CBS, recalling that considerable frictions developed when TAYLOR succeeded Mr. EDWARD R. MURROW as Vice-President because many of the other employees resented TAYLOR'S appointment in view of the fact that TAYLOR had no background in the newspaper field and they felt that the appointment should have gone to a qualified newspaper man. However, TAYLOR survived in this dispute. Mr. WYLIE said that TAYLOR may have made mistakes in administering his job, but that he was such a fair-minded individual that any errors committed by TAYLOR were never made out of prejudice. Mr. WYLIE also was aware of TAYLOR'S resignation from CBS and stated that TAYLOR told him he resented Mr. HUBBELL ROBINSON, JR. being appointed over him. TAYLOR told Mr. WYLIE he discussed this matter with Mr. WILLIAM S. PALEY, Chairman of the Board of CBS, and that Mr. PALEY regretted that the situation could not be changed and would regard TAYLOR'S resignation as a loss to CBS.

Mr. WYLIE stated that he regards TAYLOR as being a completely courageous individual, "who is the farthest thing from a Communist in America today".

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Mr. WYLIE said he wished to recommend TAYLOR with enthusiasm and without qualification for a position with the United States Government.

Confidential Informant T-1, of known reliability, advised that in a copy of the book entitled "Fighting Words", edited by DONALD OGDEN STEWART, President of the League of American Writers, and containing information about the 1939 Congress of the League of American Writers, it was noted that the name of MAX WYLIE was contained in the index as being a contributor to the material published and discussed in the 1939 Congress. No further identifying data was contained in the book concerning the MAX WYLIE mentioned.

The League of American Writers has been cited by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

At Purchase, New York.

Mr. ARTHUR JUDSON, Theatrical Manager, 113 West 57th Street, New York City, was interviewed at his summer home, Barnes Lane, Purchase, New York, by SA THOMAS P. LYNCH.

Mr. JUDSON advised that he has known TAYLOR as a friend and as a business associate since 1930. Mr. JUDSON said that he considers TAYLOR to be a brilliant individual and an exceptionally able man in the field of radio. Mr. JUDSON mentioned that it was his understanding that TAYLOR resigned voluntarily from CBS because he disagreed with the policies of the station, feeling that CBS was becoming too commercial. Mr. JUDSON made reference to the fact that TAYLOR was well qualified for a position with Voice of America in view of his background in radio and his work and trip abroad. Mr. JUDSON said that he desired to recommend TAYLOR most favorably, without hesitation, for a position of trust and confidence with the United States Government.

At New York, New York.

Mrs. SOPHIE K. UNDERWOOD, author, 115 East 38th Street, advised that she met TAYLOR and his wife socially in 1937 and has continued her friendship with them to date.

Mrs. UNDERWOOD described TAYLOR and his wife as persons possessed of the highest attributes of character and integrity and who always impressed her as being loyal and patriotic Americans.

She further added that she regards TAYLOR as being extraordinarily intelligent and considers TAYLOR and his wife to be kind, sincere friends. Mrs. UNDERWOOD mentioned that TAYLOR was definitely "not a man of political expediency or evasion" and recommended him without qualification for a position of trust and confidence.

Miscellaneous.

Mrs. FANNIE MAY BUTTERFIELD, free lance writer, Hotel Park Plaza, 50 West 77th Street, advised that she first met TAYLOR when he auditioned for a position of announcer with Radio Station WHAS, Louisville, Kentucky, in 1929, when he was a student at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Mrs. BUTTERFIELD was in charge of auditions and hired TAYLOR on a part-time basis. She continued her professional association with TAYLOR for a period of eight or nine months and in 1930, she resigned from WHAS. Mrs. BUTTERFIELD mentioned that TAYLOR discussed his future with her and that she advised him to continue in the radio field instead of the ministry because he did show that he had talent. Soon afterward, TAYLOR won a CBS award for a composition written by him concerning music. As a result of winning this award, TAYLOR was hired by CBS in New York City. Mrs. BUTTERFIELD had no further contact with TAYLOR until 1935, when she came to New York in an attempt to secure radio time on CBS for a series of programs she edited and acted in. TAYLOR, according to Mrs. BUTTERFIELD, did not show any interest in her proposal and, in fact, treated her in a rather brusque manner. Since 1935, Mrs. BUTTERFIELD has had a very casual association with TAYLOR.

Mrs. BUTTERFIELD stated that, on the basis of her associations with TAYLOR, she knew of nothing which would reflect on his character, loyalty or associations.

Confidential Informant T-2, of unknown reliability, who is well acquainted with activities in the radio field, advised that he questioned TAYLOR'S integrity and dependableness because of the following:

In January 1948, T-2 learned that TAYLOR had agreed to have excerpts from Governor DEWEY'S opening address to the New York State Legislature broadcast over the CBS network. After an agreement had been reached as to what excerpts of Governor DEWEY'S speech would be broadcast, the informant saw TAYLOR accompany HENRY WALLACE into a recording room and saw both TAYLOR and WALLACE listen to DEWEY'S speech which had not been nationally broadcast but

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sent over a local Albany station earlier that afternoon. Earlier that same day, President TRUMAN delivered his State of the Union address. That evening, over CBS, excerpts from Governor DEWEY'S address and excerpts from President TRUMAN'S address were broadcast over the CBS network. This program was followed by an address by HENRY WALLACE and the comments of two news commentators, EDWARD R. MURROW and QUINCEY HOWE.

According to T-2, it was believed that TAYLOR violated his original agreement concerning the presentation of the excerpts from Governor DEWEY'S speech by presenting excerpts which distorted the complete context of the speech. Excerpts were likewise taken from President TRUMAN'S speech, which tended to place DEWEY and TRUMAN in an unfavorable light. HENRY WALLACE, in turn, had the benefit of comparing both speeches and having the conflicting statements in both speeches programmed for comparison by the listening public and had the advantage of speaking to the radio audience immediately following the presentation of both speeches. QUINCEY HOWE is reported, in commenting on the speeches, to have referred to President TRUMAN and Governor DEWEY as "twiddledum and twiddledee." T-2 said he heard that Governor DEWEY was furious at the manner in which his speech was handled. T-2 is of the opinion that TAYLOR was primarily responsible for this situation, which, he felt was engineered to give WALLACE a political advantage. T-2 is also of the opinion that under TAYLOR'S direction as Vice-President in Charge of Programs, that certain programs broadcast over CBS have "followed the Communist Party line."

T-2 based his contentions on his personal interpretation of documentary programs which were broadcast over the CBS network, particularly during the period 1946 to 1947 and during 1948, such programs being broadcast between the hours of 9 p.m. and 11 p.m. T-2 said that these programs, in his mind, not only by the context and direction, but also by the voice inflections of the actors, were so closely allied to the Communist Party line that they could not have been so designed merely by accident. T-2 said that he could not name any of these programs specifically because since 1946 he has participated and been connected with numerous radio programs and could not recall each program by name. However, T-2 said that the programs he referred to were those produced by the Documentary Unit of CBS.

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T-2 said that he could not believe that such programs were allowed to be broadcast unknown to TAYLOR, namely because of TAYLOR'S executive position and in the light of TAYLOR'S reputed high intelligence.

T-2 advised that on occasions during the past two years, he has observed TAYLOR in the company of Mr. NORMAN CORWIN and HESTER SONDERGAARD at the Barberry Room Cocktail Lounge, 19 East 52nd Street. T-2 said that, even though both Mr. CORWIN and HESTER SONDERGAARD are active in the radio field, he is of the opinion that TAYLOR'S association with CORWIN and SONDERGAARD is more than professional. T-2 considers TAYLOR'S friendship with NORMAN CORWIN to be close and intimate on the basis of the frequency of their association. T-2 said that he has not seen TAYLOR in the company of HESTER SONDERGAARD as many times as he has seen TAYLOR in the company of NORMAN CORWIN, although he has seen the three of them together on a few occasions. T-2 said that he regards both CORWIN and SONDERGAARD as being Communist Party sympathizers in consideration of the many Communist Party fronts they have supported.

T-2 advised that he would not testify before a Loyalty Hearing Board or give a signed statement.

Confidential Informant T-3, of known reliability, who is well acquainted with Communist Party affairs, described Mr. NORMAN CORWIN as being a concealed Communist, one who does not hold himself out as a Communist and who would deny membership in the Party.

The "Daily Worker," an East Coast Communist newspaper, dated April 17, 1946, page 6, column 3, listed NORMAN CORWIN, Radio Writer, as among fifteen new sponsors of the National Negro Congress. The National Negro Congress has been cited by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

The May 25, 1946 issue of the "Welfare Reporter," the official organ of the local of the United Public Workers, CIO, of New York City,

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contained an article which stated that NORMAN CORWIN was to be one of the speakers at a rally of the Council of African Affairs. This rally was to be held on June 6, 1946 at Madison Square Garden. The Council of African Affairs has been cited by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

An article appeared in the "World Telegram", a New York daily newspaper, dated November 15, 1946, captioned "Left-Wingers Help Spread Democracy at \$100.00 a Plate". This article stated that this dinner which was held at the Hotel Plaza, New York City, on November 15, 1946, was sponsored by the Committee For A Democratic Policy In The Far East. The article listed NORMAN CORWIN as one of the speakers at this dinner. The Committee For A Democratic Policy In The Far East has been cited by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

Confidential Informant T-4, of known reliability, advised in December, 1946 that NORMAN CORWIN was one of the speakers at the "Get Together With Russia" rally held at Madison Square Garden on December 2, 1946, under the auspices of the National Council of American Soviet Friendship, Incorporated. The National Council of American Soviet Friendship, Incorporated has been cited by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

Confidential Informant T-5, of known reliability, advised that NORMAN CORWIN had resigned from the Progressive Citizens of America because he did not want to be publicly associated with the WALLAGE Campaign. The informant said that CORWIN expressed the desire and willingness to affiliate with a separate Committee of the National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions whose ideals would be identical with the ideals of the Progressive Citizens of America, but would be on a more intellectual plane.

The informant further advised that CORWIN was selected to represent the field of radio in the Administrative Committee of the National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions.

Confidential Informant T-6, of unknown reliability, advised that NORMAN CORWIN was with the Columbia Broadcasting System as of December 1947.

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Informant described CORWIN as being one of the outstanding Communist "fellow travelers" and that CORWIN had been associated with numerous Communist-front organizations in the past.

In the June 3, 1941 issue of the "New Masses", it was reported that NORMAN CORWIN and EARL ROBINSON wrote a skit called "The People, Yes", which was performed at the Fourth Writers Congress of the League of American Writers, held at the Commodore Hotel, New York City, June 6, 7, and 8, 1941. The "New Masses" was cited as a Communist front by the Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, on June 24, 1942 and March 29, 1944.

The name of NORMAN CORWIN appears on the August 1945 list as being one of the most active members of the Hollywood Writers Mobilization. The Hollywood Writers Mobilization has been cited by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

The March-April 1949 issue of "Voice of Freedom", official publication of the Voice of Freedom Committee, urged its readers to write to CBS and NORMAN CORWIN to let them know how much "we have missed CORWIN'S documentaries, their depth of vision, their wholesome honest, and their rare poetry".

It is to be noted that page 225 of the 1948 report of the California Committee reports that "The Voice of Freedom" is among publications which the Committee found to be Communist initiated and controlled.

The 1948 report of the California Committee on Un-American Activities reflects the following as to NORMAN CORWIN:

Page 183: Toastmaster at a dinner at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles on December 16, 1945 sponsored by the American Youth for Democracy (designated by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835).

Page 201: One of the initiators of a National Congress on Civil Rights held in Detroit, Michigan, on April 27, 1946 and April 28, 1946, out of which emerged the Civil Rights Congress (designated by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835).

Page 210: Signer of a full-page advertisement appearing in the "Hollywood Reporter" on October 24, 1947 sponsored by the Committee for the First Amendment (cited as a Communist front by the California Committee on Un-American Activities, 1948 report, page 210).

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Page 262: Member of the Board of Directors of the Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions (cited as a Communist front by the California Committee on Un-American Activities, 1948 report, page 262).

In addition, page 499 of the 1949 report of the California Committee on Un-American Activities reflected that NORMAN CORWIN was a sponsor of the Scientific and Cultural Conference for World Peace.

Pages 478 and 479 of the 1949 report of the California Committee on Un-American Activities describes this Conference as "a super mobilization of inveterate wheelhorses and supporters of the Communist Party and its auxiliaries".

Confidential Informant T-3, who is well acquainted with Communist Party affairs, mentioned previously, described HESTER SONDERGAARD as a concealed Communist.

The report of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, 78th Congress, 2nd Session, Appendix, Part 9, on Communist-front organizations, with special reference to the National Citizens Political Action Committee, 5th Section, Page 1616, under the caption "Statement by American Progressives On The Moscow Trials", which appeared in "New Masses", May 3, 1938, Page 19, and the "Daily Worker", April 28, 1938, page 4, listed the names of signers of this statement which supported the Moscow Trials. HESTER SONDERGAARD was named as one of the signers of this statement.

The name HESTER SONDERGAARD appears on a list of individuals, who in 1938 supported the Soviet Union in its action to free itself from internal dangers in connection with government killings of individuals who, STALIN claimed, were deserters and enemies of his regime. The above information was obtained from the statement of WALTER STEEL, which is recorded in the reports of the Special Committee on Un-American Activities of the 75th Congress, 3rd Session.

The "Daily Worker" issue of March 5, 1944, under the caption "Women For Victory Meeting At Carnegie", reported that the Committee of Women of the American Council of American Soviet Friendship would hold a "Women For Victory" meeting at Carnegie Hall, New York City, on March 6, 1944. HESTER SONDERGAARD, actress, was reported as appearing in a dramatic sketch at this meeting.

Mr. THEODORE KIRKPATRICK, Editor of the newsletter "COUNTERATTACK, FACTS TO COMBAT COMMUNISM" which published the documentary "Red Channels", which is a report on Communist Party influences in the radio industry, referred to an article which appeared in the July 1, 1949 newsletter of "COUNTERATTACK" concerning the Communist infiltration of the Documentary Unit at CBS. This article is herewith set out verbatim:

CBS IS THE MOST SATISFYING NETWORK FOR THE COMMUNISTS. Exact degree of infiltration by Communist Party members and other Communists in CBS or any other network is hard to determine. But it's plain that NBC and Mutual are LEAST satisfactory to Communists...that American Broadcasting Co is about at halfway point between most satisfactory and least satisfactory...and that CBS is tops as far as Communists are concerned.

Of course no network is preponderantly on CP's side. A network couldn't do that without being OPENLY pro-Communist... and in that case it would lose most of its advertisers and couldn't survive. But there's such a thing as allowing Communists & pro-Communists an exceptional amount of time on the air...and hiring writers, actors, etc, who support Communist fronts.

Communist Party praises CBS, saying: "CBS has given more leeway to progressive voices in American radio than any other network." When CP uses the word "progressive", it means anyone or anything that is either Communist or pro-Communist or in accord with the Communist line of the moment.

CBS USES NORMAN CORWIN AND OTHER COMMUNIST-FRONTERS AS WRITERS of documentary programs. These are "fact" programs, dealing with historical and other public events. And CBS takes great pride in them. It uses them for prestige purposes. They're all unsponsored but CBS spends money freely on them, hiring talented people and giving them ample time to do their work.

For these prestige programs, surely only writers with proved anti-totalitarian records should be chosen. But note the CBS writers in 1949.

First was SHIRLEY GRAHAM (biographer of Communist PAUL ROBESON). She wrote the Jan 25 program, which was in honor of Negro History Week. There are many talented Negro writers who are non-Communist or even definitely ANTI-Communist. How come, then, that CBS picked SHIRLEY GRAHAM?

It isn't necessary to ask whether SHIRLEY GRAHAM is a member of CP. That question becomes largely irrelevant in view of her known record. She OPENLY supported CP's nominees for public office in 1946. She writes for CP's "cultural" magazine, "Masses and Mainstream". She has backed CP's May Day Parade and many Communist fronts, including U S Congress of Intellectuals (for "peace"), which was held at Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, NYCity, in March.

ARNOLD PERL, highly praised by Communist press, was picked by CBS to write a documentary that was broadcast Feb 2, and another that is coming in September or later. The CP's national newspaper, Daily Worker, used a full column to praise PERL when his documentary was produced. PERL was one of the speakers at the meeting last year that organized a Communist front, Stop Censorship Committee. He was also listed as sponsor of a "cultural conference" arranged by several Communist fronts.

WALTER BERNSTEIN, writer for the Communist press, was chosen by CBS to write the Feb 6 documentary. BERNSTEIN has written for CP's "cultural" magazine, "Masses and Main Stream". He has supported CP's May Day Parade, Civil Rights Congress, Jefferson School of Social Science, and the recent U S Congress of Intellectuals. He was a leader of Duncan-Paris Post of American Legion, which lost its charter because of Communist control.

PETER LYON, backer of many Communist fronts, wrote a documentary for CBS that was broadcast May 22. He has been listed as a supporter of the CP's May Day parade. And he was one of the faculty & advisors of "School of Political Action Techniques", which was held in 1946 by Natl Citizens Political Action Committee, a Communist front. He also sponsored another top front, Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences & Professions. In Dec 1946 these two fronts merged as Progressive Citizens of America...and PETER LYON went on its board of directors.

He supported People's Radio Foundation, a front set up by the Communist Party to try to get an FM license. Surely CBS knows People's Radio Foundation was a front...the whole radio industry knows THAT. Yet Columbia hires PETER LYON as one of its top writers.

NORMAN CORWIN will be back on CBS July 10...and how the Communists are delighted! Note remarks of Voice of Freedom Committee, a pressure group that fights to put pro-Communists on the air and to keep anti-Communists off. This Communist front sent a directive lately to its "monitors"...that is, its supporters who write pressure letters and make pressure phone calls to radio stations, sponsors, etc. The directive began in capitals:

"NORMAN CORWIN IS BACK. He is writing a new documentary for CBS...Write to CBS, 485 Madison Avenue, N.Y.C., and NORMAN CORWIN at CBS to let them know how much we have missed the CORWIN Documentaries, their depth of vision, their wholesome honesty and their rare poetry. Let them know that we are looking forward to the coming broadcast."

Counterattack on June 10 gave a few facts about the raptures of the CP in 1946 when CORWIN made a series of 13 broadcasts on CBS, after his "One World" global trip. CP exclaimed that CORWIN'S broadcasts more than met its high expectations. And WM Z FOSTER himself later quoted CORWIN admiringly.

CORWIN has backed such fronts as American Russian Institute, Natl Council of American-Soviet Friendship, and People's Radio Foundation, which are all on Dept of Justice list of subversive organizations. When Hollywood Communists in 1947 resisted investigation of movie industry by Congress, they held a conference that dishonestly purported to be against "thought control". This conference was under auspices of a big front, Progressive Citizens of America... and NORMAN CORWIN was keynote speaker.

CBS sprang to CORWIN'S defense when he was named in unprocessed FBI material which JUDITH COPLON'S lawyer recently insisted on reading to jury. CBS said it was sure CORWIN

was neither a Communist nor a fellow-traveler. But CBS said nothing of the staggeringly long list of CP fronts that CORWIN has supported ...including U S Congress of Intellectuals, which even the cautious State Dept called a Communist sounding-board. How come the CBS presents CORWIN as writer of a documentary on the work of various United Nations agencies that have indirect bearing on subject of peace? What sort of "peace" slant can be expected from a man with CORWIN'S record?

Mr. KIRKPATRICK said that, although he had no specific information concerning DAVIDSON TAYLOR inasmuch as the Documentary Unit of CBS was under DAVIDSON TAYLOR'S supervision, the serious situation that existed would seem to indicate to him that "either DAVIDSON TAYLOR was unaware of the identities of the numerous Communist Party members and sympathizers who were used on the Documentary Unit, or, if he was aware of these persons' attitude toward Communism, he condoned their employment".

Mr. KIRKPATRICK said that, if TAYLOR was unaware of such a situation, it was, in his mind, "indicative of a possible lack of qualifications on the part of TAYLOR for appointment to a sensitive position in the Government".

Mr. KIRKPATRICK made reference to the fact that news and discussion programs at one time were under the supervision of the Department of Public Affairs on CBS during TAYLOR'S employment with CBS. It was Mr. KIRKPATRICK'S understanding that this section is now semi-autonomous, reporting virtually directly to FRANK STANTON. Mr. KIRKPATRICK said that during TAYLOR'S employment the celebrated YAFFE incident occurred.

Mr. RICHARD YAFFE, a contributor to Soviet Russia Today, and cited fourteen times in Congressional files for subversive or Communist-front affiliations, was suddenly hired about May 1, 1949 by CBS as a special correspondent to do broadcasts from the Iron Curtain countries. He sailed on the SS BATORY with stowaway GERHART EISLER on May 6, 1949. Mr. YAFFE'S record was exposed and CBS was forced to drop him. Mr. KIRKPATRICK also referred to Mr. HOWARD K. SMITH and Mr. ALEXANDER KENDRICK, concerning whom ~~for~~ information appears in "Red Channels". "Red Channels" reports that "Mr. SMITH was praised by the Communist Press for having defended and excused the Communist tyranny in Hungary. (He) Broadcast from Moscow that the Truman Doctrine was crassly unjust and dubbed Secretary MARSHALL a mere stooge for JOHN FOSTER DULLES." ("Counterattack", 9-12-47).

In the November 28, 1949 issue of the "Daily Worker" it is reported that HOWARD K. SMITH, European News Bureau Chief, CBS, reported that "There is absolutely no reason to believe the charges were false", concerning the Cardinal MINDSZENTY case.

Relative to ALEXANDER KENDRICK, in the April 28, 1947 issue of the "Daily Worker", page 7, under the headline caption "CBS Reporters Find Greek Trial A Rigged Deal", there appeared an article which reported that KENDRICK condemned proceedings in the POLK murder trial in Greece. KENDRICK, it is said, cabled that "Communism rather than a certain Mr. STAKTOPOLOUS is on trial."

It was Mr. KIRKPATRICK'S belief that not all CBS news broadcasts were slanted according to the Communist Party line and probably no news programs were slanted all the time. However, as with the documentary programs, the tendency of the news programs to reflect the Communist Party line on occasions, is evidenced by the citations concerning ALEXANDER KENDRICK and HOWARD K. SMITH which appear in "Red Channels" and are set out above.

Mr. KIRKPATRICK said that CBS also drew plaudits from the Communist Party and the Communist Party Press on many occasions for its news and documentary programs. A conspicuous example, he said, was one written by SHIRLEY GRAHAM entitled "Story of PHYLLIS WHEATLEY", a documentary for the Communist promotion of Negro History Week", 1949. This drew applause from the supporters of the Communist front Voice of Freedom.

Confidential Informant T-8, of unknown reliability, who has been for some years connected with the radio broadcasting industry, and who has made a study of Communist influences in radio, said he has never known DAVIDSON TAYLOR personally but has learned a good deal concerning him from his sources of information in the radio field which he refused to divulge. T-8 said it has been reported to him by sources he considers reliable that DAVIDSON TAYLOR was brought into CBS some years ago by Mr. WILLIAM S. PALEY, Chairman of CBS, who was associated with TAYLOR during the past war in the Psychological Warfare Division of the United States Army.

T-8 said TAYLOR rose rapidly in position at CBS being a Vice-President in Charge of the Public Affairs Division of CBS. In that capacity, TAYLOR had charge of news forums and documentary programs. T-8 said it has been maintained by CBS that TAYLOR left his highly-paid post at CBS because of resentment on the part of TAYLOR over being replaced as Executive in Charge of the CBS Public Affairs Division.

T-8 advised that based on information received by him from reliable sources, it is his opinion that CBS desired to remove TAYLOR because of the criticism it had received that programs broadcast by the CBS Documentary Unit were slanted along Communist Party lines. T-8 said he had learned that Mr. ARCH PALEY, the brother of Mr. WILLIAM S. PALEY, had called the latter's attention to the criticism directed against the Unit. Specifically, T-8 continued, the programs outstanding for their Communist slant were:

"Work and Progress", broadcast February 6, 1949, written by
WALTER BERNSTEIN.

"Hollywood Picture", broadcast November 3, 1948, written by
PETER LYON.

"Mind In The Shadow", broadcast February 2, 1949, written by
ARNOLD PERL.

✓ "The Story of PHYLLIS WHEATLEY", broadcast January 25, 1949, written by SHIRLEY GRAHAM. The broadcast of this program, T-8 continued, was so timed, he is informed, as to coincide with the Communist sponsored "Negro History Week".

"People's Choice", broadcast May 22, 1949, written by the above-named PETER LYON. This program dealt with the manner in which congressmen "are made and perform". The first script, T-8 had learned, was so slanted that it was censored by CBS officials.

T-8 said the Documentary Unit of CBS was clearly "red tinged" during TAYLOR'S administration. This, T-8 said, is evidenced by individuals appointed by TAYLOR to the Unit. Most significant, T-8 said, is the fact that TAYLOR brought in one Mr. WERNER MICHEL. T-8 stated that Mr. MICHEL was with the Office of War Information in London during World War II and he was apparently a friend and also a professional associate of DAVIDSON TAYLOR. T-8 said that Mr. MICHEL had informed an informant of his that TAYLOR had brought him into CBS. Mr. MICHEL, T-8 continued, was once in London where he served in the Office of War Information under Mr. JOHN HOUSEMAN, a Communist who was Chief of the Overseas Branch of the Office of War Information. Mr. MICHEL became Chief of the Branch when Mr. HOUSEMAN was "let out". T-8 said that Mr. MICHEL'S "above ground" record is good. He is not known to have any substantial Communist affiliations. (See "National War Agencies Appropriation Bill", Report of Hearings of Taber Committee, House of Representatives, 1944, page 698, concerning the Office of War Information in London.)

T-8 said that he obtained the following information from a source considered by him to be highly reliable:

T-8 remarked that the Communist Cominform adopted a definite policy to infiltrate into American radio broadcasting; that CBS was selected as the first radio station into which an effort would be made, and that Mr. WERNER MICHEL was selected to direct that operation. In addition to Mr. MICHEL, T-8 continued, the staff of the Documentary Unit, as organized by TAYLOR, consisted of Mr. NORMAN CORWIN, Mr. MILLARD LAMPELL, Mr. PETER LYON, Mr. WALTER BERNSTEIN, SHIRLEY GRAHAM, and Mr. ARNOLD PERL. T-8 said these were six of the seven members of the staff of the Documentary Unit. All six, T-8 said, he is informed, were Communists.

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T-8 said that he has no knowledge that TAYLOR is a Communist. However, the Communist infiltration at CBS during his employment was so pronounced that he believes that TAYLOR may be a tool of the Communist forces.

T-8 advised that a responsible person, with whom he has discussed the matter of TAYLOR'S appointment with Voice of America, has advised that he, T-8's informant, fears if TAYLOR is appointed, he would bring into Voice of America such persons as Mr. MICHEL and individuals who would adhere to the same sympathies.

T-8 refused to give a signed statement or appear before a Loyalty Hearing Board.

Confidential Informant T-9, of known reliability, who has openly fought the attempts of known Communists to infiltrate the radio field, advised that of his own independent knowledge he had no specific information concerning DAVIDSON TAYLOR'S associations at CBS. However, T-9 said that on the basis of his observations of the programs sponsored by the Documentary Unit at CBS during the period 1948 to 1949, which he felt indicated close adherence to the Communist Party line, which fact was common gossip in the radio field, DAVIDSON TAYLOR was either entirely unaware of this situation or was conscious of it and tolerated the situation.

T-9 remarked that he could not reconcile these policies of CBS, administered by TAYLOR, as being consistent with democratic American principles. T-9 said that "the worst he could say about TAYLOR was that the Communist forces had sold him a bill of goods". T-9 further mentioned that, if TAYLOR allowed similar situations to exist in Voice of America and Communists were able to infiltrate Voice of America as he believed they had CBS, it would be detrimental to the best interests of the United States.

T-9 made particular reference to a documentary feature program which was broadcast over CBS February 6, 1949 entitled "Work and Progress", written by Mr. WALTER BERNSTEIN. T-9 said that this feature, dealing with the operation of the United States Government, in his mind, portrayed the Government and its officials in an unfavorable light.

In a documentary feature entitled "People's Choice", written by PETER LYON, which was broadcast over CBS May 22, 1949, T-9 felt that the elected officials of the United States Government were unjustly derided. T-9 also said that the feature "The Story of PHYLLIS WHEATLEY", written by SHIRLEY GRAHAM, won great applause from the Voice of Freedom Committee and was used as a documentary in connection with the sponsoring of Negro History Week, a function of the Communist Party in 1949.

T-9 said that he feels that the programs tended to point to faults of the American social system rather than giving any credit to the benefits enjoyed by Americans under the present American society. T-9 stated that it is the general understanding in radio circles that many of the affiliate stations of the CBS network have complained of Communists infiltrating CBS and slanting their material along Communist lines and as a result of this, CBS has been making efforts to identify such employees and force their resignations.

T-9 made reference to an article which appeared in the "New York Journal American", dated May 20, 1949, concerning a CBS news correspondent, Mr. RICHARD YAFFE, who was reported to have been affiliated with organizations cited as subversive by the Attorney General.

This article, edited by Mr. DAVID SENTNER, reports that Mr. RICHARD YAFFE, who was taken on by CBS as a potential broadcaster from Soviet satellite countries, was cited fourteen times in Congressional files for subversive or Communist-front affiliations. "YAFFE, former foreign editor of 'PM' and the 'Star', defunct leftist New York papers, was given a CBS correspondents' collect communication card after showing visas for Iron Curtain countries from which he promised exclusive news broadcasts."

The article went on to say "that the CBS 'string' correspondent found himself on the same boat as GERHARD EISLER, number one Moscow agent, who was skipping his bail while out on bond from two Federal Court convictions." It was reported in the article that in the files of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, Mr. YAFFE was cited as being a speaker at a meeting on February 21, 1949, sponsored by the Contemporary Writers "successor to the League of American Writers, cited as subversive and Communist by Attorney General CLARK." Mr. YAFFE was also reported to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Committee for a Democratic Far Eastern Policy, sponsor of a National Conference on American Policy in China, and speaker at its Hands Off China rally, December 2, 1948. "The Committee For A Democratic Far Eastern Policy has been labeled a Communist front, consistently supporting the Chinese Reds in Congressional Committee Testimony."

Mr. YAFFE was likewise reported as being Chairman of the American Council for a Democratic Greece "which has consistently supported the Greek Communist Guerrillas". Such organization was cited by the Attorney General as being subversive. Mr. YAFFE was described as being a speaker before a meeting of the American Relief for Greek Democracy, headquarters in New York, and "cited by the Committee on Un-American Activities as a Communist front".

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T-9 felt that this situation reflected on the policy of the CBS News Division and indirectly on TAYLOR, who was Executive in Charge.

Confidential Informant T-10, of known reliability, who is acquainted with persons and activities in the radio field, advised that he does not know TAYLOR personally and advised that insofar as he knew, TAYLOR enjoyed a good reputation in the radio field.

Confidential Informant T-11, of known reliability, who was active in the radio field, advised he knew TAYLOR by reputation and that persons who worked with TAYLOR spoke well of TAYLOR, feeling that TAYLOR'S sympathies were thoroughly American and "leaned more to the right than to the left".

Confidential Informant T-12, of unknown reliability, who has been active in the advertising business for many years and has been associated with many individuals in the radio industry through his work in the advertising field, advised that he has known TAYLOR for several years. T-12 stated that he knew nothing that would reflect upon the character, reputation, associations or loyalty of TAYLOR.

T-12 pointed out that during the period TAYLOR was with CBS, many individuals whom he believed to be Communists had been employed there. T-12 did not believe TAYLOR had hired these persons and did not regard it as an indication that TAYLOR was friendly to Communists or interested in Communism, but he did think that it indicated that TAYLOR, although he might have prevented such individuals from being employed at CBS, was politically naive. T-12 felt that in view of this, he would not want to recommend TAYLOR for a position in the Government where TAYLOR would have responsibility or authority to handle individuals.

Confidential Informant T-13, of unknown reliability, advised that T-13 first met TAYLOR about twelve or fifteen years ago. TAYLOR was employed at CBS at the time and was doing production work in connection with a radio program the informant was associated with. After T-13 gave up this work, T-13 did not see him for a number of years. During the period they were associated, they were not close associates and their relationship was exclusively of a business nature. Early this year, the informant noted in the newspapers that TAYLOR was no longer associated with CBS. T-13 wondered about this and decided to call him to see if he could tell T-13 the answer to a personal problem which T-13 thought might be related to his departure from CBS. T-13 contacted him and he called on T-13. The informant then discussed T-13's

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personal problem with him and after such discussion, T-13 remarked on the fact that T-13 had read that he was no longer with CBS.

T-13 asked TAYLOR what had happened that could cause him to leave the company after the years he had been employed there. He told T-13 that due to reorganization of departments at CBS, he had been placed in a position under an individual with whom he previously had equal status. Due to the fact he had never gotten along too well with this person and because of the reduced status offered to him, he decided to resign from CBS and did so. T-13 stated that T-13 was not sufficiently well acquainted with TAYLOR to comment on his character, associations, reputation or loyalty and for this reason, did not feel qualified to recommend him for a position with the Government and informed there was no reason he could not be considered for such a position.

Confidential Informant T-14, of known reliability, on January 19, 1948, advised that the name and telephone number of DAVIDSON TAYLOR (PL 3-8122), appeared in the address book of MYRA JORDAN. A check of the New York telephone directory reflects this number is listed to DAVIDSON TAYLOR, 345 East 57th Street.

Confidential Informant T-15, [redacted] advised that MYRA JORDAN was formerly the secretary of Mr. WILLIAM L. SHIRER, CBS news commentator, and had been instrumental in assisting the United Office and Professional Workers of America in obtaining a firm foothold in CBS. T-14, above mentioned, also advised on January 19, 1948, that MYRA JORDAN had in her possession numerous books and pamphlets on Communism and Marxism, as well as letters from various Communist-front organizations. Neither of the above-mentioned confidential informants could furnish any information as to the degree of association, if any, between MYRA JORDAN and DAVIDSON TAYLOR. T-15 contacted in the course of instant investigation, had no information concerning DAVIDSON TAYLOR.

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Confidential Informant T-16, [redacted] advised that MYRA JORDAN had been the subject of a report by the State Police of Indonesia in Jogjakata while she was Secretary of the United Nations Committee of Good Officers on the Indonesian question. T-16 reported that MYRA JORDAN was repatriated from Indonesia as a result of pro-Communist activities and associations with Communist Party leaders.

The records of the Board of Elections, 400 Broome Street, reflect that MARY ELIZABETH TAYLOR, 345 East 57th Street, registered as an enrolled

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voter during the period 1942 to 1948 in one of the two major political parties except in 1945 when she enrolled as a voter in the American Labor Party.

The following citations concerning the American Labor Party appeared in a pamphlet prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., dated December 18, 1948:

- "1. For years, the Communists have put forth the greatest efforts to capture the entire American Labor Party throughout New York State. They succeeded in capturing the Manhattan and Brooklyn sections of the American Labor Party, but outside of New York City, they have been unable to win control. (Special Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, March 29, 1944, page 78).
- "2. Among organizations that are victims of Communist domination. (California Committee on Un-American Activities, 1944, pages 40 and 41)."

SA AUGUST J. MICEK advised that no record concerning DAVIDSON TAYLOR or his wife was found in the records of the New York City Police Department Bureau of Special Services and Investigation.

Confidential Informants T-17, T-18, T-19, T-20, T-21, T-22 and T-23, all of known reliability, who are acquainted with the more prominent members of the Communist Party in the New York City area, advised that they had no information concerning DAVIDSON TAYLOR or his wife.

The only indication of WALTER BERNSTEIN'S connections with radio and television is information furnished by Confidential Informant T-24, [redacted] b7D

[redacted] to the effect that WERNER MICHEL, Head of the Documentary Unit at CBS, had been responsible for utilizing the services of a number of pro-Communist writers in that unit, among them being WALTER BERNSTEIN.

T-3, previously mentioned, on May 8, 1950, advised that WALTER BERNSTEIN was known to him as a "concealed Communist."

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On October 2, 1947, T-24 reported WALTER BERNSTEIN had formerly been a free lance writer with the "New Yorker" magazine and while attending Dartmouth College, he was Secretary of the American Student Union, which organization was Communist dominated. Also while at Dartmouth, he was Editor-in-Chief of the publication "Junto", which arranged to bring outside speakers and lecturers to Dartmouth.

T-24 stated that in 1939, there was a controversy at Dartmouth over the proposed lecture of EARL BROWDER, former Chairman of the Communist Party, and that the "Junto" had wanted BROWDER as a speaker.

T-24 further stated that BERNSTEIN was inducted into the Army in 1941 and shortly thereafter became a member of the staff of "Yank", an Army publication. In October 1942, BERNSTEIN reported to Moscow in connection with "Yank" and in July of 1944, an article appeared in "Yank" written by BERNSTEIN wherein he reported on an exclusive interview he had had with TITO of Yugoslavia. According to the Informant, this article was pro-Soviet in tenor and received favorable comments in the "Daily Worker". In addition, the Informant stated that BERNSTEIN was the guest speaker at a dinner held on February 7, 1945 at the Hotel Biltmore in New York City, which was called "Tribute to Yugoslavia" and sponsored by the American Russian Institute in New York, which organization has been designated by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

T-24 further advised that BERNSTEIN in May of 1945 became a member of the staff of a new magazine to be published by the Communist Political Association under the auspices of various Communist Party functionaries. The Informant stated that HOWARD FAST, a well-known Communist writer, has referred to BERNSTEIN as "one of our friends".

Page 499 of the 1949 report of the California Committee on Un-American Activities reflects that WALTER BERNSTEIN was one of the sponsors of the Scientific and Cultural Conference for World Peace which has been previously described in this report.

Confidential Informant T-25, of known reliability, reported on October 31, 1947 that WALTER BERNSTEIN was a member of, as well as a sponsor of, the New York Committee of the Win the Peace Conference, which, according to the California Committee on Un-American Activities in its 1948 report, pages 318 and 319, was the conference at which the National Committee to Win the Peace was organized, and which latter organization has been designated by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

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In addition, T-9, previously mentioned, has advised that WALTER BERNSTEIN was a signer of a statement in defense of the Communist Party, which statement was sponsored by the Civil Rights Congress, which has been designated by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

In addition, T-9 reported that WALTER BERNSTEIN was a sponsor of the 1947 May Day Parade and has been a contributor to the publications "Mainstream" and "New Masses".

The 1947 report of the California Committee on Un-American Activities, page 106, describes "Mainstream" as a "Marxist" quarterly, and page 160 of the California report describes "New Masses" as the "weekly" journalistic voice of the Communist Party".

On May 18, 1950, T-3 advised that SHIRLEY GRAHAM was known to him as a "concealed Communist".

The "Daily Worker" of January 29, 1949 reflected that BOB LAUTER in his column "Around the Dial" reported that CBS on January 25, 1949 had presented "The Story of PHYLLIS WHEATLEY", the author of which radio program was SHIRLEY GRAHAM.

T-24, previously mentioned, in reporting information on WERNER MICHEL, Head of the Documentary Unit at CBS, has advised that MICHEL has been responsible for utilizing the services of a number of pro-Communist writers, including SHIRLEY GRAHAM. According to the Informant, SHIRLEY GRAHAM was a contributor to "Masses and Mainstream", which, according to the 1948 report of the California Committee on Un-American Activities, page 49, is "among typical examples of the Communist press and publications".

T-25, previously mentioned, has reported that SHIRLEY GRAHAM was a speaker at a testimonial dinner given by the Voice of Freedom Committee and held on March 3, 1949 at the Hotel Park Sheraton in New York City. The Voice of Freedom Committee has been previously identified as a Communist front in this report.

Page 500 of the 1949 report of the California Committee on Un-American Activities reflected that SHIRLEY GRAHAM was a sponsor of a Scientific and Cultural Conference for World Peace, which has been previously identified in this report. Page 501 reflects she has given "open support to Communist candidates in election campaigns".

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T-9 has advised that SHIRLEY GRAHAM is the biographer of PAUL ROBESON, who has been previously identified in this report, and that she has been a sponsor of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee, which has been designated by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835, and in addition, she has been a supporter of a number of Communist book shops. The Informant further stated that SHIRLEY GRAHAM marched in the 1950 May Day Parade and was a sponsor of the 1947 and 1948 May Day Parades.

T-9 also reported that SHIRLEY GRAHAM was the guest of honor at a "Sunday brunch" held on March 5, 1950, at the Manhattan Towers Hotel in New York City under the auspices of the Committee for the Negro in the Arts.

As to the Committee for the Negro in the Arts, Confidential Informant T-26, of known reliability, has advised it is a Communist front and that its work was formerly carried out by the National Negro Congress, which organization has been designated by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

The "Daily Worker" of February 1, 1950, page 11, column 3, reflected a letter from ERNEST CRICHLAW, Chairman of the Committee for the Negro in the Arts which was written to ROBERT SAUDEK, Vice-President of the American Broadcasting Company. In his letter, CRICHLAW points out that the week of February 12-19, 1950, has been "singled out for the observance of National Negro History Week", and that during this period localities throughout the nation would pay "official tribute to the many sided cultural and historical achievements of the Negro people". The letter went on to state that on the preceding year, many radio stations and networks figured prominently in the celebration of Negro History Week, "most notable, perhaps, being CBS' fine presentation of SHIRLEY GRAHAM'S 'Story of PHYLLIS WHEATLEY'". In his letter, CRICHLAW inquires as to whether the American Broadcasting Company was making any plans for the broadcasting during Negro History Week of at least one radio show dealing with some aspect of Negro history and culture.

The above-indicated issue of the "Daily Worker" also set out in answer to the aforementioned letter which was written by ROBERT SAUDEK of the American Broadcasting Company wherein SAUDEK stated that "ABC broadcasts programs periodically on the subject of Negroes...We have no special plans for the observance which you will sponsor, just as we plan no special observance during the year of exclusively Caucasian history or any other such feature which would designate one race from another in this Nation." The

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"Daily Worker" urged its readers to write to ROBERT SAUDER insisting that the network give proper observance to National Negro History Week.

Concerning the National Negro History Week, it is to be noted that Confidential Informant T-35, of known reliability, advised in March 1950 that the Communist Party controlled the activities of Negro History Week, and that Communist Party members planned its program and furnished speakers for that week.

On October 26, 1949, Confidential Informant T-30, of known reliability, advised ROBERT HELLER was then an executive producer for CBS, and that he had formerly been the head of the Documentary Unit.

Confidential Informant T-15, of known reliability, advised March 15, 1946, that on March 12, 1946, HELLER was present at a meeting of the Forum for Democracy held at Manhattan Center in New York City for the purpose of protesting the investigations being conducted by the House Committee on Un-American Activities on remarks made by various news commentators.

In addition, on April 15, 1947, HARRY SAMUEL MAGIDOFF was interviewed by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation at Washington, D. C., at which time he advised that one of his principal contacts in New York City was ROBERT HELLER, a producer with CBS. It is noted that MAGIDOFF was one of the subjects in the investigation of NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, which investigation reflected that MAGIDOFF and HELLER were close friends. In addition, Confidential Informant T-27, of known reliability, advised that HELLER graduated from Harvard University in 1935 and that during the war he was assisted by NORMAN CORWIN, an individual who had numerous contacts with the Communists.

Further information concerning HELLER is reflected in the "Daily Worker" of March 17, 1947, page 7, column 1, wherein it was indicated that ROBERT HELLER, as a representative of the radio field, attended a meeting held at the Murray Hill Hotel on March 16, 1947, which meeting was sponsored by the National Negro Congress for the purpose of opposing discrimination in the cultural field.

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In addition, the "Daily Worker" of December 1, 1947, page 3, reported that HELLER was one of a group of 65 who signed an open letter denouncing the investigation of Communism in the motion picture industry by the House Committee of Un-American Activities.

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On August 1, 1949, Confidential Informant T-28, of known reliability, described HELLER as an Assistant Program Director at CBS, and that HELLER spends his vacations on a farm owned by ROCKWELL KENT, who has been identified with numerous Communist front organizations.

Confidential Informant T-10 also advised that MILLARD LAMPELL has been connected with the following organizations, all of which have been designated by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835:

Civil Rights Congress (member and sponsor)
Jefferson School of Social Science (lecturer)
National Committee to Win the Peace (national vice-chairman)
Peoples Radio Foundation, Inc. (member of the Advisory Board)

In addition, Confidential Informant T-10 reported that his wife, BETTY WHIPPLE, is a member of the Communist Party.

Confidential Informant T-15 advised on September 29, 1949, that the United Nations Program on WNBC has permitted MILLARD LAMPELL to express some of his views. According to the informant, a play written by LAMPELL was presented on WNBC by the United Nations on September 18, 1949, as one of its documentary programs. According to the informant, LAMPELL planted certain ideas in the minds of the listeners in a subtle and indirect manner, and the informant described LAMPELL as being active in numerous Communist front organizations.

The "Daily Worker" of August 17, 1949, page 11, column 3, reported that MILLARD LAMPELL was a sponsor at a meeting held at the Hotel Abbey in New York City protesting the "blacklisting" of "progressives" in the radio industry. According to the article, the meeting was sponsored by the Voice of Freedom Committee and the National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions, both of which have been previously identified in this report as Communist fronts.

Page 500 of the 1949 report of the California Committee on Un-American Activities reflected that MILLARD LAMPELL was a sponsor of the Scientific and Cultural Conference for World Peace, which has been previously described in this report.

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Confidential Informant T-24 advised on March 28, 1950, that PETER LYON was the writer for a number of shows on radio and television although the informant could not furnish the names thereof. In addition, PETER LYON is an officer of the Radio Writers Guild and in the past did a number of documentaries for the Columbia Broadcasting System, which, in the informant's opinion, followed the Communist Party line. The informant specifically stated that PETER LYON was a sponsor of the 1946 May Day Parade, which has been previously identified, and that he was a member of the Advisory Council of the Peoples Radio Foundation, Inc., which has been designated by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

On May 18, 1950, T-3 advised that PETER LYON was known to him to be a "concealed Communist".

The "New York Times" newspaper of February 12, 1949, announced that PETER LYON had been signed as a script writer for the radio program, "Broadway's My Beat", (WCBS).

The "Daily Worker", of December 2, 1943, page 5, column 5, described PETER LYON as a "progressive radio script writer" who is associated with the Radio Writers Guild, and the "Daily Worker" of February 11, 1947, page 11, column 5, described PETER LYON as "one of the ablest writers in radio". Confidential Informant T-24, [redacted]

[redacted] advised that the Radio Writers Guild was organized in New York City in 1937 by writers as a guild for the Authors League of America. It was organized to obtain fair treatment and obtain unity of radio writers in order to dispose of their work in a manner which would bring the authors the proper financial return for their work.

Later this organization was split into two factions, the right and left wing factions, with the left wing faction in the strong majority, and at the present time the Guild is strongly infiltrated by Communists.

The "Daily Worker" of April 22, 1946, reported that PETER LYON was one of a group of people in the cultural field who urged a "gigantic turnout" at the May Day Parade which has been previously identified in this report.

Confidential Informant T-24 advised on May 9, 1947, that at that time PETER LYON was Vice-President of the Radio Writers Guild, and the informant described him as a "known Communist" who is active in the "left wing" group within the Guild.

The "Daily Worker" of December 1, 1947, page 3, column 4, reflected that PETER LYON was one of the signers of a letter denouncing the House Committee on Un-American Activities for its investigation of Communism in Hollywood.

Confidential Informant T-9 has advised that PETER LYON was a member of the Communist Party who attended the 1945 New York State Convention. In addition, he has been a sponsor of the Independent Citizens Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions, which was cited as a Communist front by the California Committee on Un-American Activities in its 1948 report, page 262, and he also was a sponsor of the Civil Rights Congress which has been designated by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

It is to be noted that WERNER MICHEL was investigated under the Loyalty of Government Employees program on October 18, 1949.

Confidential Informant T-30 reported on October 26, 1949 that WERNER MICHEL was then head of the Documentary Unit at CBS, he having replaced ROBERT HELLER, who was then Executive Producer for CBS.

Confidential Informant T-31, of known reliability, has advised that formerly MICHEL had been in charge of the Central and Eastern European news desks at the Office of War Information and in the informant's opinion, MICHEL was instrumental in placing and protecting persons of Communistic sympathies in the OWI and that he had been close to ADOLPH HOFFMEISTER, now Deputy Chief of the Czechoslovakian delegation to the United Nations.

The "Daily Worker" of July 13, 1949, page 11, reflected WERNER MICHEL directed NORMAN CORWIN'S documentary, "Citizen of the World."

Confidential Informant T-24 has advised that information furnished by a reliable informant reflects MICHEL was responsible for retaining such persons as NORMAN CORWIN, SHIRLEY GRAHAM, ARNOLD PERL, WALTER BERNSTEIN and RICHARD YAFFE, in the Documentary Unit of CBS. According to the informant, GRAHAM was a contributor to "Masses and Mainstream," and that she and the others mentioned above have many Communist affiliations.

The only indication of ARNOLD PERL'S connections with radio and television is information furnished by Confidential Informant T-24 to the effect that WERNER MICHEL, head of the Documentary Unit at CBS, was responsible for retaining a great many pro-Communists including ARNOLD PERL.

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The "Daily Worker" of March 7, 1950, page 8, column 4, reflected an advertisement for "The School for Writers" of the Writing and Publishing Division of the New York Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions, and one of the courses listed was "Radio and Television Writing" as given by ARNOLD PERL.

Confidential Informant T-9 has advised that ARNOLD PERL was a radio writer and that his wife spent the summer holidays of 1948 with Mr. and Mrs. ROBERT THOMPSON, ROBERT THOMPSON being a member of the National Committee of the Communist Party, USA. In addition, the informant stated that PERL had been treasurer of the Duncan-Paris Post of the American Legion, the charter of which was revoked by the American Legion because of the Communist domination of the past. In addition, ARNOLD PERL has been a contributor to the "Hollywood Quarterly", which was cited as a "Communist project" by the California Committee on Un-American Activities in its 1948 report, pages 257 and 258.

The "New York Times" newspaper of October 16, 1949, page 10 X, reflects that HOWARD K. SMITH broadcasts over WCBS on Sundays at 11:15 A.M.

The June, 1948, issue of "Voice of Freedom", page 1, described HOWARD K. SMITH as the "liberal CBS European news chief" who "has won the admiration of intelligent listeners throughout this country and Canada for his honest analysis of international news".

BOB LAUTER in his column "Around the Dial", which appeared in the "Daily Worker" of May 3, 1949, page 13, commented on a broadcast by HOWARD K. SMITH for CBS and stated, "As often happens with SMITH, he gives you many facts arrived at objectively, but he seasons them with some of the misconceptions common to most liberals".

Confidential Informant T-28 advised on August 1, 1949 that much publicity had been given to RICHARD YAFFE in connection with his being on board the Polish vessel "Batory" with GERHARD EISLER at the time of his flight from the United States. In regard to this incident, the informant advised that YAFFE had come to CBS and advised he was going to Europe and believed he could obtain an interview with TITO of Yugoslavia. YAFFE wanted to know whether CBS was interested in such an interview and, according

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to the informant, CBS naturally was interested. The informant claimed the only assistance given to YAFFE by CBS was arrangements made for credit facilities for him and that YAFFE actually never was employed by CBS, although CBS was glad to take the EISLER story from him which was somewhat of a "scoop".

In regard to YAFFE, Confidential Informant T-15, advised on March 19, 1942, that YAFFE supported the Communist Leadership in the New York newspaper guild and in the informant's opinion was either a Communist Party member or a Communist sympathizer.

The "Daily Worker" of November 17, 1947, reflected that YAFFE was a speaker at a meeting sponsored by the American Council for a Democratic Greece, which organization has been declared by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

Confidential Informant T-32, of known reliability, who is well acquainted with Communist Party activities in the radio field, advised that CBS recently ~~admittedly~~ asked one of the CBS employees, ELIZABETH TODD, for her resignation because of her refusal to testify before the House Committee on Un-American Activities in connection with the WILLIAM REMINGTON inquiry.

T-32 also said that it was his understanding that although other ostensible reasons were used at the time, the real unadmitted reason for the resignation of HOWARD HAUSMAN, Vice President in Charge of Personnel, CBS, on June 30, 1950 was because of certain information known to CBS concerning HAUSMAN'S Communist background.

T-32 said he had no independent knowledge as to the reason for TAYLOR'S resignation other than because of a disagreement over a reorganization policy. However, he said persons in the radio field, whose identities he was not in a position to disclose, suspected that TAYLOR'S resignation was linked to the current policy of CBS in getting rid of suspected Communist employees. T-32 said that this was merely speculation on the part of these persons in view of the fact that TAYLOR'S resignation immediately preceded the resignation of ELIZABETH TODD and HOWARD HAUSMAN.

Confidential Informant T-28, of known reliability, who is well acquainted with activities at CBS, described TAYLOR as being "an earnest Liberal who was found at times wandering left of center but at no time being consistently left-winged". T-28 said that he based this description of TAYLOR on TAYLOR'S intense desire to be fair in all his dealings, possibly

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due to TAYLOR'S theological background. T-28 said that this trait of TAYLOR might constitute a weakness "whereby TAYLOR would bend over backward" so as not to injure any persons in the course of his dealings with them. T-28 stated that he would characterize TAYLOR as supporting the principles championed by the Civil Liberties Union.

T-28 submitted the following two instances which he felt best explained his impressions of TAYLOR:

TAYLOR, as Vice-President in Charge of Programs at CBS, invited NORMAN CORVIN to work for CBS because he was looking for a capable, creative writer and felt that CORVIN was the type of writer he wanted. T-28 said that CORVIN'S appointment to CBS was before the American public was conscious of Communist sympathies among writers in the radio field. T-28 said that even though CORVIN may actually have been, at the time of his employment and later, vulnerable to allegations that he favored Communism, TAYLOR would not have been influenced in his choice of CORVIN, being guided only by professional considerations. T-28 mentioned that TAYLOR differed from him in the respect that T-28 would view with suspicion the employment of anyone against whom allegations of supporting Communists were made.

T-28 made specific reference to SHIRLEY GRAHAM'S affiliation with CBS as a contributor to the sketches prepared by the Documentary Unit of CBS. In this connection, T-28 advised that TAYLOR, as Vice-President in Charge of Programs, had exclusive jurisdiction over the hiring of personnel and the context of these sketches prepared by the Documentary Unit of CBS, and was entirely responsible for the administrative jurisdiction over the operations of this Unit and all scripts pertaining to public service. T-28 mentioned that although TAYLOR, as Vice-President in Charge of Programs was also in charge of the News Division of CBS, the policy of CBS was to delegate the control of the policies of the News Division to a subordinate executive. T-28 stated that SHIRLEY GRAHAM, while a contributor to the Documentary Unit, was publicized in the press as being connected with Communist Party affairs and DAVIDSON TAYLOR made no efforts to discontinue her services and never questioned her affiliations. T-28 emphasized that he would never question TAYLOR'S loyalty and felt that TAYLOR'S actions were motivated by TAYLOR'S concepts of fairness. Because of these facts, T-28 said that he entertained the suspicion that persons like SHIRLEY GRAHAM would use TAYLOR to promote the cause of Communism within the Government.

On August 1, 1949, T-28 advised that certain of the officials of CBS, particularly Mr. FRANK STANTON, President, and Mr. JOSEPH H. REAM, Executive

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Vice-President, have become disturbed because of the adverse publicity as to CBS in connection with alleged Communist infiltration thereof. This informant stated the officials had been particularly disturbed by accusations made by the publication "Counterattack", and that a number of prominent businessmen had corresponded with CBS in response to these allegations, and as a result, the officials have had a conference with members of the staff of "Counterattack", concerning their allegations.

This informant stated that it is true that a great many of the criticisms leveled against CBS were justified, although the informant believed that the percentage of Communists and Communist sympathizers employed by CBS was actually small.

On January 16, 1950, T-28 advised that on January 15, 1950, a representative of the House Committee on Un-American Activities had been making inquiries at CBS concerning ELIZABETH TODD, who was employed as Assistant Director of network operations and had been employed by CBS since June of 1942. The informant stated that ELIZABETH TODD was the wife of MERWIN S. TODD, and that the House Committee on Un-American Activities representative was interested in the latter because of his prior employment at the Atomic Energy plant at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, and because of his former association with WILLIAM WALTER REMINGTON, an economist employed by the Commerce Department.

On May 22, 1950, T-28 reported that ELIZABETH TODD had been discharged by CBS because of her refusal to answer whether or not she was or ever had been a member of the Communist Party upon being so asked by the House Committee on Un-American Activities. According to the informant, her husband, MERWIN S. TODD, testified before the United States Grand Jury on May 22, 1950 in regard to WILLIAM WALTER REMINGTON, who was allegedly active in the Communist Party while employed by the TVA; TODD used to room with REMINGTON, according to the informant.

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T-28 also stated that ELIZABETH TODD was residing at [redacted] Street, New York City, and in this regard, it is to be noted that the records of Confidential Informant T-36, an [redacted] [redacted] reflect that MERWIN S. TODD and ELIZABETH W. TODD of [redacted] New York City, in October of 1945 had signed Communist Party nominating petitions for BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR.

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T-28 advised that HOWARD L. HAUSMAN, formerly Vice-President in Charge of Personnel, CBS, resigned on June 30, 1950. T-28 said that it was reported that the reason for HAUSMAN'S resignation was because of HAUSMAN not being successful in his dealings with the labor union within CBS, the United Office and Professional Workers of America. However, T-28 said that the real reason for HAUSMAN'S resignation was that he was forced to resign from CBS because of information which was developed indicating that he had Communist sympathies.

The "New York Times" newspaper of June 10, 1948, page 37, column 7, announced that HOWARD L. HAUSMAN had been named by CBS as Vice-President in Charge of Personnel Relations, and on September 8, 1949, T-28 advised that information had been brought to the attention of the CBS officials that HAUSMAN had allegedly been a member of the Flushing Branch of the Communist Party and the Flushing Branch of the American Labor Party, and that at one time he had signed a Communist Party nominating petition.

The informant also advised that, while at Harvard University, HAUSMAN had been active in the Young Communist League.

Concerning HAUSMAN, it is noted that Confidential Informant T-33, of unknown reliability, and an admitted Communist Party member, reported on July 2, 1943, that HOWARD L. HAUSMAN and his wife, MARIE, were members of the Flushing Branch of the Communist Party.

In addition, Confidential Informant T-34, of known reliability, advised on May 22, 1944, that MARIE HAUSMAN was Educational Director of the Flushing Club of the Queens County Communist Party.

It is to be noted that both the Young Communist League and the Communist Party have been cited by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

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Credit.

The records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York were checked and they reflect that DAVIDSON TAYLOR and his wife enjoy a good credit rating.

Criminal.

The records of the New York City Police Department, checked by SA AUGUST J. MICEK, contain no record on either DAVIDSON TAYLOR or his wife.

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SE CLINTON E. POLLOCK checked the records of the Board of Elections.

SE RALPH G. MURDY checked the records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York.

During the course of this investigation, Mrs. FANNIE MAY BUTTERFIELD, whose comments appear in the body of this report, was telephonically contacted and an appointment made to interview her concerning TAYLOR. Upon interview, Mrs. BUTTERFIELD advised that, in order to refresh her recollection of TAYLOR, she had contacted Confidential Informant T-2 and NED WEAVER, free lance writer, who is active in the affairs of the Radio Writers of America Union. Mrs. BUTTERFIELD learned from T-2 that he is suspicious of TAYLOR'S loyalty because of his professional dealings with TAYLOR. According to Mrs. BUTTERFIELD, T-2 expressed the desire to furnish the information he had relative to TAYLOR to the FBI. Mrs. BUTTERFIELD also learned from NED WEAVER that he had contacted TED KIRKPATRICK, editor of the magazine "Counterattack", and former Special Agent of the FBI, who advised him that he had information indicating TAYLOR'S name appeared as a sponsor on the letterhead of the organization, National Conference on the German Problem. Mr. WEAVER told Mrs. BUTTERFIELD that he personally had no information concerning TAYLOR, but that Mr. KIRKPATRICK indicated to him that he would be willing to furnish the information he had concerning TAYLOR, if contacted. Mrs. BUTTERFIELD, who is a free lance writer and who characterizes herself as being a "rabid anti-Communist", mentioned that on the basis of what she had learned from T-2 concerning TAYLOR, she would consider bringing the matter to the attention of a number of senators she knew in Washington if TAYLOR was employed by the Government.

It is to be noted that no pertinent information concerning the National Conference on the German Problem is contained in the files of the New York Office.

Mr. THEODORE KIRKPATRICK, Editor of "Counterattack", advised that the name of DAVIDSON TAYLOR appeared as a sponsor on an official letter (Call), on the National Conference on the German Problem, signed by Mrs. FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT, February 15, 1947.

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Also, on an official letterhead of this organization, DAVIDSON TAYLOR'S name appeared as a member of the Sponsoring Committee, March 15, 1947. Those included as sponsors of this organization are: JO DAVIDSON, JOHN ABT, MARTIN POPPER, J. RAYMOND WALSH, GENE WELTFISH, LISA SERGIO, Dr. GUY EMERY SHIPPLER, WILLIAM L. SHIRER, MARK VAN DOREN, LEWIS MUMFORD, HANNAH DORNER, ALBERT EINSTEIN, IRA HIRSCHMANN, ALGERNON D. BLACK, BARTLEY CRUM and SAUL CARSON.

In the course of the interview with Confidential Informant T-2, it is to be noted that T-2 said that in his opinion, TAYLOR was forced to resign from CBS in keeping with a new policy at CBS in getting rid of employees with Communist leanings. T-2 based this contention relating that he believed that TAYLOR was forced to resign from CBS because of conversations with members of CBS personnel, engineers and production men, who are of the opinion that CBS is taking measures to get rid of Communists within the organization. T-2 said that he did not desire to identify these individuals. In view of the foregoing, T-2 assumed that TAYLOR was let go in keeping with the above-mentioned policy.

It will be noted in the Details of this report that mention is made of the fact that WERNER MICHEL was investigated under the Loyalty of Government Employees program on October 18, 1949, New York file 121-8172, Bureau file 121-20206.

It is to be pointed out that Mr. KIRKPATRICK, in discussing his conversation with Confidential Informant T-3 relative to the rumor that the Vice-President in Charge of Programs was let go because of Communist leanings, stated that he had in mind HOWARD L. HAUSMAN, whom he had confused with DAVIDSON TAYLOR.

It is to be noted that Confidential Informant T-32 advised that in connection with his conversations with Mr. JOSEPH REAM, Executive Vice-President of CBS, concerning Communists in CBS, that although Mr. REAM has never definitely stated that TAYLOR was forced to resign from CBS because of any possible Communist sympathies, that Mr. REAM, by his manner, actions and voice inflections, has appeared to suggest that TAYLOR was forced to leave CBS in keeping with the new policy at CBS in getting rid of Communists.

The records of the Board of Elections, 400 Broome Street, reflect that DAVIDSON TAYLOR, during the period 1942 to 1948, enrolled as a voter in one of the two major political parties.

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An index card is maintained in the indices of the New York Office containing information to the effect that in 1947, SOPHIE KERR UNDERWOOD, 115 East 38th Street, was a contact of the League of American Writers. This information is not being set out in the details of this report because the source of this information is not identifiable to this office and because the significance of the word "contact" is unknown.

It is to be noted that the League of American Writers has been cited by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

This office is in receipt of a letterhead dated January 6, 1950, of the American Committee for Indonesian Independence (ACII), 23 West 26th Street, furnished by Confidential Informant T-7, of known reliability, on January 10, 1950. The name, MARY E. TAYLOR, appears on the list of partial sponsors of this organization.

The address of the ACII, 23 West 26th Street, is the building owned by Mr. FREDERICK V. FIELD and occupied by numerous Communist-front organizations, including The Council On African Affairs, which has been designated by the Attorney General as being within the purview of Executive Order 9835. The partial list of sponsors includes many names of known Communist sympathizers, including Reverend STEPHEN A. FRITCHMAN, ZLATKO BALOKOVIC, DOROTHY K. EUNN, ABNER GREEN, JOSEPH P. SELLY and MAX YERGAN.

On July 21, 1947, approximately 450 persons picketed the Netherlands Consulate, New York City, carrying placards of the ACII, and a banner of the NMU. The placards denounced the Dutch War, Imperialism, opposed the United States aid to the Dutch and demanded Indonesian Independence.

In the absence of further identifying data concerning MARY E. TAYLOR, this information is being included in the administrative section of this report.

The Bureau's attention is also directed to teletypes submitted to the Bureau by this office wherein it was reported that Confidential Informant T-28 advised that Representative TABER of New York City anticipated

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questioning TAYLOR'S appointment on the floor of the House and in that connection was reported to have requested that CBS furnish certain scripts of the Documentary Unit to support his challenge.

It should also be noted that Confidential Informant T-2 mentioned during the course of an interview with him that he was considering discussing TAYLOR'S appointment with Senator IVES.

In this connection, it is also significant to note that Mrs. FANNIE MAY BUTTERFIELD claimed that she was well acquainted with a number of senators in Washington and if TAYLOR was appointed, would request these senators to examine TAYLOR'S background.

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The Confidential Informants mentioned in the report of SA JAMES F. DONAHOE, dated September 27, 1950, at New York, are identified as follows:

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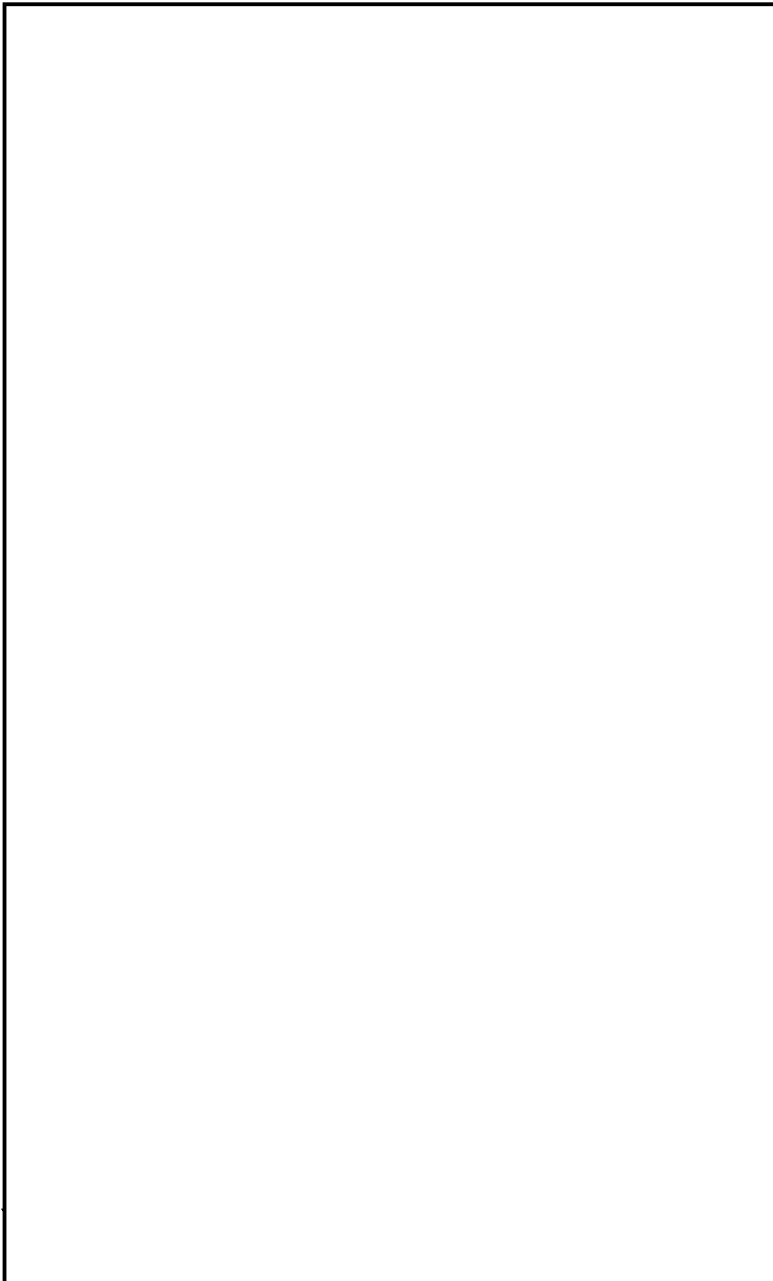
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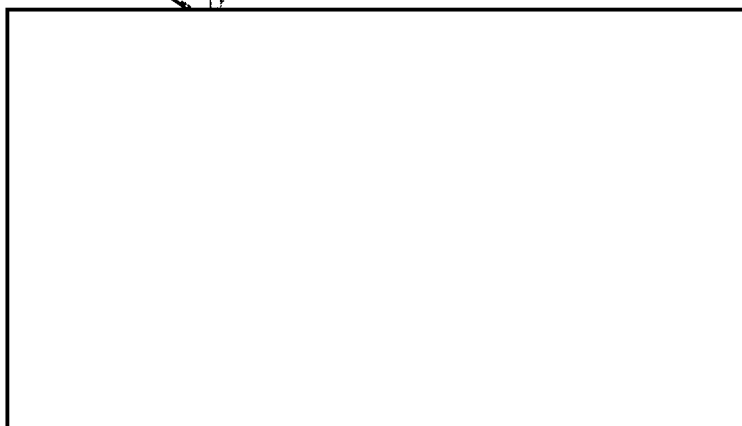
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INFORMATION REQUESTED BY JEROME DOYLE

At 5:30 PM on 1/9/51, SAC Schedit called from New York to advise that Jerome Doyle had just called him requesting that any available information regarding the following individuals be furnished to him by Mr. Schedit:

Davidson Taylor, former Vice President of CBS, who now works for NBC. According to Doyle, Taylor worked for VOA after leaving CBS and rumor has it that after the FBI investigation of him for VOA, he was eased out of VOA. Mr. Schedit advised that we did investigate Taylor (Bureau file 123-5580)

Ina Shugihara. Doyle advised that she is in the Legal Department of NBC. He advised she went to the University of California and at one time worked for the Sidney Hillman Foundation.

Mr. Schedit advised that investigation of Taylor did not reflect derogatory, subversive information and there was very little information available on Ina Shugihara, mainly consisting of some Navy flimsies dealing with her alien status. Schedit advised that on previous occasions the Bureau had authorized him to furnish information of the type we disseminated to other agencies on a confidential basis. I told him to go ahead and give the same type of information to Doyle on a very confidential basis.

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THE STATE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED IT HAD HIRED DAVIDSON TAYLOR, A RADIO AND PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE EXPERT TO DEVISE SHARPER TOOLS FOR PUNCTURING THE IRON CURTAIN.

AS "SPECIAL CONSULTANT", THE DEPARTMENT SAID. TAYLOR WILL DO RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ON ITS "CAMPAIGN OF TRUTH." HE WILL ATTEMPT TO FIND "NEW AND IMPROVED MEANS OF GETTING THE TRUTH INTO AREAS OF THE WORLD FROM WHICH IT IS NOW PARTLY OR WHOLLY EXCLUDED."

TAYLOR, 43, RESIGNED EARLY THIS YEAR AS VICE-PRESIDENT OF CBS. HE DIRECTED THE RADIO PHASE OF GEN. EISENHOWER'S PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE CAMPAIGN DURING THE LIBERATION OF EUROPE.

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